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PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Students huddle together during Monday's rally against sexual assault. The rally, part of Women's Energy Week, included personal statements.

Students rally against campus sexual assault

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

The Hamilton campus this past Monday again played host to a student-organized rally aimed at achieving greater equality for all students as well as raising awareness of important issues on the Hill. As the kickoff to Women's Energy Week, the Sexual Assault Rally was part of an ongoing campaign to bring sexual assault issues to the forefront of campus consciousness.

Despite sleet and freezing rain, the rally attracted a large crowd, many of whom were wearing "1 in 5" black T-shirts, the symbol of the day. Held on the steps of the Burke Library, T-shirts from the Clothesline Project lined the back of the stage, with personal statements such as "My body healed but when will my heart?"

Womyn's Center coordinator Jess Turner '03 opened the rally with some personal reflections and national as well as campus-wide statistics. She reminded the audience that "rape and sexual assault at

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ResLife prepares for lottery

Two students find out lottery numbers early; ResLife investigation shows no manipulation of system

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR-IN-CHEIF
and Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

After complaints from several students and one parent, the Office of Residential Life conducted its own investigation this week into accusations that students had manipulated the housing lottery process, said Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz. The investigation yielded no evidence of manipulation; however, two students were aware of their standing in the housing lottery before the formal distribution of lottery numbers.

One student on campus was informed by other students at the Club DU party in early April of both his number and the number of the student for whom he was a proxy.

"There is no reason to believe that the students manipulated the process in any way. And, there is no evidence that anyone in the Residential Life Office intentionally released the numbers," said Kantrowitz, who talked to both of the students.

Lottery numbers for members of the rising senior class are generated in early March, in time for the off-campus housing lottery, said Kantrowitz; however, students in the off-campus lottery are not informed of their exact numbers, only whether or not they are in the top fifty students who applied to live off-campus. The ResLife investigation indicates that a third party may have accidentally seen the list of lottery numbers on a staff member's desk and then shared them with the two students.

"Given the high traffic, it's possible that a student saw the lottery numbers, which were out in preparation for the upcoming lottery," said Kantrowitz.

Numbers for the rising juniors and rising sophomores were not generated until April 16, confirmed Residential Life Staff Assistant Nancy Perkins.

Kantrowitz says that the ResLife Office will not be implementing any new changes to the procedure or precautions next year. "I don't know how much we can do differently. It's really just a fluke," she said.

Kantrowitz said that the lottery numbers will not be regenerated because there is no evidence that the numbers were manipulated. "If I thought for any reason that the integrity of the lottery was compromised, I would be all over this, but there are lots of people who work very hard to maintain the integrity of the office."

Despite these minor problems, the Office was able to succesfully

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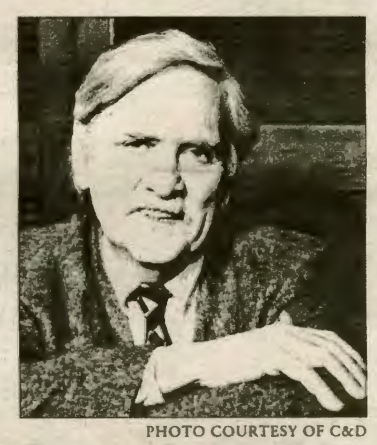
Meehan '51, Whitman among those to receive honorary degrees

by Kathleen M. McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Each year, a committee composed of students, alumni, and President Tobin assemble in order to select recipients of honorary degrees from Hamilton College. Honorary degrees are awarded to people whom the committee finds deserving of such an honor; they are people who have personal connections to the college and, additionally, represent a wide variety of professional fields and interests. This year, the college has named Stephen Carter, Dick Hyman, Paul Kellogg, Thomas Meehan, and Christie Whitman as recipients. The degrees will be presented during Hamilton's commencement exercises on Sunday, May 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Main Quadrangle. Whitman will deliver the commencement address. Information for each of the recipients is based upon a Communications and Development Press Release.



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Honorary degree recipient Thomas Meehan '51.

Stephen L. Carter:

Carter is the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale Law School. He teaches constitutional law; contracts; intellectual property; law, secrets and lying; and law and religion. He holds a bachelor's degree from Stanford and a law degree from Yale.

Carter served as law clerk to Judge Spottswood W. Robinson III, U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, from 1979-80, and as clerk to Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, from 1980-81. Carter was an associate with Shea & Gardner in Washington, D.C., from 1981-82.

Dick Hyman:

Since his musical career began in the 1950s, Hyman has worked as pianist, organist, arranger, conductor and composer. His versatility has resulted in more than 100 albums recorded under his own name and many more in support of other artists. Since 1985, he has acted as artistic director of the acclaimed Jazz in July series of concerts at New York's 92nd Street Y and is jazz advisor to the Oregon Festival of American Music. In

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Earthquake shakes up the Hill

by Chris Fogelstrom '03
ACE EDITOR

Are Earthquakes in central New York really as rare as common knowledge would have one believe? If Kurt Mangold '02, a resident of central New York as well as Hamilton College, were your source of information, then the answer would be yes.

Mangold was flabbergasted by the earthquake, which woke him early on Saturday morning. "I was having a dream that there was an earthquake, and then I woke up startled, and my bed was shaking," said Mangold. "It wasn't until breakfast when Kerri Spindler-Ranta '02 asked me if I had felt the earthquake that I realized that my bed had in fact been shaking, and it was not the noise of the trash being taken out that woke me up."

But how rare are these quakes? According to Frank Revetta, a Potsdam State University geophysicist, last year alone there were 22 quakes in New York, mainly concentrated in a belt that stretches from the Adirondacks across the St. Lawrence Valley and into Quebec. The earthquakes ranged in magnitude from .96 to 3.2 on the Richter Scale.

That being said, why would anyone in New York state be surprised by Saturday's earthquake, which occurred at 6:50 a.m. 15 miles southwest of Plattsburgh , N.Y.? The answer, says Revetta, is that the big earthquakes occur mostly in the West, along the various and infamous faults that wind through the western half of the United States. The northeastern faults, including the one that caused Saturday's quake, do not have as much of the public eye due to extended periods of inactivity. Faults, or weaknesses in the earth, can be found all over New York state,

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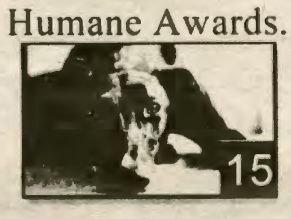

Guster Fever...

College grants Levitt Fellowships to five rising seniors

Barahona, Fogelstrom, Johnson, Li, and Qi to spend summer conducting research in public policy

by Kathleen M. McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Five members of the Class of 2003 have been granted Levitt Fellowships for the summer of 2002. Arlette Barahona, Christopher Fogelstrom, Cameron Johnson, Jiang Li, and Li Qi have all been recognized as Levitt Scholars, a distinction awarded to rising seniors wishing to integrate public policy issues into their senior thesis or project. These students will spend 10 weeks on the Hill conducting summer research in collaboration with a member of the faculty.

This year's recipients represent a wide variety of concentrations including economics, theater, mathematics, and classical studies. They were selected in a competitive process during which they were required to find a faculty member to sponsor their project, and additionally write a proposal regarding current public affairs. As a Levitt Scholar, students must also write a written assessment of their work at the completion of their summer, and, additionally, give a public presentation of their research to the Hamilton community.

Jiang "Jimmy" Li, an economics and mathematics double major, will spend his summer working with the Irma M. and Robert D. Morris Professor of Economics Derek Jones on a project titled "Determinants and Effects of Economic Growth in China's Cities." He plans to work closely with Jones to explore the effects that factors such as corruption, preferential treatment, human capital, geographical location, and foreign investments have on the growth and development of cities.

"Income disparity among Chinese cities has always drawn my attention," said Li. "For example, the real GDP per person in Shanghai is 12 times higher than in Guizhou. I want to know what has led to a such big gap among the cities."

PHOTOS BY ANNA GRITTEN '03 AND KAT MCGRORY '05

2002 recipients of summer Levitt Fellowships from left to right: Fogelstrom, Qi, Barahona, and Li. Johnson was unavailable for photo.

During his stay on the Hill, Li will travel back and forth from Cornell in order to collect data. He later plans to travel to Hong Kong to gather more comprehensive information detailing how each city has preformed over the past two decades. Following his two-to-three day stay in Hong Kong, Li will head to the mainland, where he will distribute questionnaires for Chinese business firms that will help him to understand the determinants of China's cities' economic growth.

"The goal for this summer is to get as much information as possible and draw some conclusion out of them," said Li. Fogelstrom's project will also take an in-depth look at economic policy; his project, however, will focus on the issues surrounding the implementation of electronic methods of payment and the institutional arrangements that are needed to support this current system of "e-cash."

For his research project, Fogelstrom will explore developments in the use of e-cash, hoping to study the characteristics of the people utilizing the medium and the policy issues

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IVCF shares stories of Christ with campus

by Sarah M. Gould '05
NEW WRITER
and Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This week, as students and faculty began winding down toward the end of the year, the Hamilton Christian Fellowship kicked off its second annual Jesus Awareness Week.

PHOTO BY NATHALY FRANCOIS '04

Students during the IVCF-sponsored multi-lingual Bible reading.

As a recognized, nondenominational chapter of Intervarsity USA, a sub-organization of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, Hamilton's Christian Fellowship has been very active all year. Students hold weekly prayer services and opportunities to explore the Christian religion. This week, however, is devoted entirely to understanding the story and words of Jesus Christ, and what it means to believe in Christianity.

"We want to help people understand who we think Jesus is and why. And, also, to follow the commandment to share our faith, but not to force it on anyone," said Jessie Casella '03.

The members of Hamilton's Christian Fellowship have all experienced the force of Jesus in their lives and are using this week as a way of expressing God's commands and love to the campus at large. Their expression, however, is rooted in the respect of individual integrity and personal preference. Intellectual honesty and freedom is respected in all forms, regardless of whether that includes the Christian religion or not.

"There's a lot of misconceptions about Christianity. We just want to get the information out there so that people can make their own choices," said Charlie Francis '04.

Flyers put out by groups explain the story of Christianity and the way of achieving salvation through the belief in God

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Campus discussion addresses French political frenzy

Fascism and Le Pen's success among topics discussed

by Chris Takacs '05
FEATURES EDITOR

Hamilton college professors Carlos Yordan of the government department, and Matthieu Dalle and Bonnie Krueger from the French department held a talk about fascism in modern Europe last Thursday, April 22nd in reaction to the shocking outcome of the primary round of the French Presidential elections. The world was stunned on the morning of April 22 by the results of the first round of the elections, which saw the extreme right-wing National Front party's leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, take second place with 16.86 percent. He followed encumbent President Jaques Chirac by only three percent, meaning that the two men will face off for the presidency next week in the second and final round of the elections.

It was expected that the encumbent Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, the leader of the socialist party, would easily take the second place spot and enter the second round. Weeks of opinion polls had pointed toward the National Front, which has the slogan "France and French people first," only winning around 10 percent of the vote, though a poll days before showed him gaining slightly in popularity.

Le Pen, who is 73, has been regarded as a relatively minor figure in French politics since he created the National Front party in 1972. Since then, he has grown in popularity, but never gained more than 17 percent of the vote. He has been heavily criticized for being extremely anti-immigrant and called a racist and an anti-Semite (claims he has denied) for calling the gas chambers of the Holocaust a mere "detail in history."

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French Presidential Candidate Jean-Marie Le Pen.

Dalle expressed his concern at what happened in France, questioning "how it happened, why it happened, and if it represents a larger trend in European politics" to move toward the right. He examined the events before the election and the current political climate and noted how the issue of crime in France was promoted by all the major candidates as the most important, a belief that aided Le Pen's campaign. Strangely, Dalle noted, the National Front leader was also helped by a number of recent anti-Semitic attacks by French Arabs, incidents that Le Pen points to as examples of problems that have been caused by immigrants. Dalle also noted how the French left wing recently fractioned into eight parties, weakening opposition to the right and taking votes away from Jospin's socialist party. Also, the new system of voting, which allows for an initial vote for the two final candidates and a final vote that decides who the President will be, has allowed for "protest votes" which can more easily result in an unpredictable turnout for the final two. Apathy was also a problem in the elections, with 28 percent of the population abstaining, eight percent more than the normal rate.

Dalle did, however, note some encouraging signs in this election. The recent anti-Le Pen protests in the streets, carried out "strangely enough [by] the ones who didn't vote," by teenagers and youths, show that the future of French politics will probably be even more opposed to the far right. Dalle, along with most others, expects Chirac to take the final election by a huge margin and believes that this will be the last election Le Pen will run in due to his age. Dalle did note, turning the talk over to Yordan, the worrying possibility that the "rise of the extreme right in France might be an indicator of a greater European trend."

Yordan echoed Dalle's fear, remembering the success that the far-right leader Jorg Haider had in the last Austrian elections and the recent rise in the activity of racist groups across Europe. He also stressed the importance of

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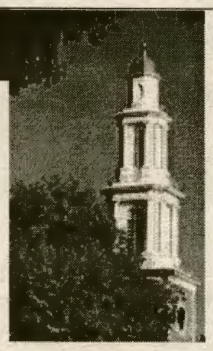


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Former Cal State-Sacramento Students Linked To Al Qaeda

(U-WIRE) SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Two former California State University-Sacramento students were charged Thursday with helping suspected al Qaeda member Zacarias Moussaoui enter the United States.

Sejarahtul Dursina and her husband, Yazid Sufaat, allegedly employed Moussaoui solely for the purpose of making his entry into the United States seem more legitimate.

According to an FBI report, in October 2000 Sufaat gave Moussaoui a letter identifying him as a marketing consultant for Infocus Tech, a Malaysian computer company for which Dursina is a partner. The report states Sufaat also gave Moussaoui $35,000, which may have been meant to fund flight training and preparations for Sept. 11.

Moussaoui, believed to be the missing 20th hijacker, was arrested on immigration charges less than a month before the attacks.

Connecticut Law Now Requires Students Living On Campus To Get Vaccine

(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. — Thousands of college students across the state of Connecticut are rolling up their sleeves to take a needle in the arm. A state law now requires all college students who live in university housing to get the preventative vaccine for Meningoccal disease.

Meningitis is a bacterial infection that is potentially deadly.

Sheila Burke, the assistant director of Health Services at Quinnipiac University, said that most students are responding to having to get the vaccine in a positive manner — as something they just have to do.

"It is so new we haven't dealt with it before," Sheila Wheeler, the Heath Services Director at Sacred Heart University said.

She also said that so far the students have not been affected because the law begins to take effect this fall.

The state law requires that students who attend colleges or universities in the state, public or private and live in housing must receive the vaccine. The law also requires that the universities and colleges provide information to students and prospective students about meningitis.

U. Minnesota Newspaper Files Complaint Over Police Actions in Post-Hockey Riots

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Daily filed a complaint Tuesday with the Minneapolis Police Department's Internal Affairs Division.

The complaint claimed officers infringed on Daily journalists' First Amendment rights during the April 7 riot following the Gophers NCAA hockey championship, Daily Editor in Chief Mike Wereschagin said.

"We feel what happened to the photographers and reporters was wrong, and this is the sort of thing police should not do," he said.

According to written statements in the complaint, a photographer was pushed to the ground from behind and kicked in the back. When a reporter went to help the photographer, she was sprayed directly in the face with chemical irritant. Two other photographers were sprayed in the face with chemical irritant and hit repeatedly with a riot stick.

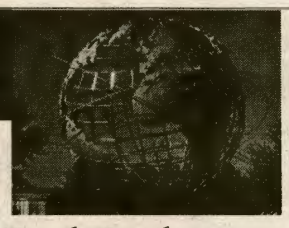
Two photographers had press passes displayed in the middle of their chests, and the others told police officers they were members of the press, according to the complaint.

"The Minnesota Daily strongly objects to what we feel was the specific and systematic targeting of members of the press by the Minneapolis Police Department," according to the complaint.

Initially, Wereschagin said, Internal Affairs told him only individual journalists could file complaints. After talking with the Daily's lawyer, Wereschagin and Daily President Ben Exley decided to file a complaint on behalf of the entire organization.

The Daily is concerned Minneapolis police might have tried purposely to prevent Daily staff from documenting the events, Wereschagin said.

WORLD NEWS



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Judge Has Issues With Death Penalty

NEW YORK (AP) - A judge said Thursday he was ready to declare the federal death penalty unconstitutional unless the government can quickly explain why so many condemned inmates turn out to be innocent.

U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff made the conclusion in an 11-page order in which he said he was about to toss out the death penalty eligibility of two men charged in a drug and murder conspiracy.

In doing so, he said, he would find the federal death penalty law unconstitutional on the grounds that innocent people were being sent to death row "with a frequency far greater than previously supposed."

He gave the government a final opportunity to present arguments on the subject before he issues a final ruling after May 31.

"If the court were compelled to decide the issue today, it would ... grant the defendants' motion to dismiss all death penalty aspects of this case on the ground that the federal death penalty statute is unconstitutional," Rakoff wrote.

Enron-Related Bills Pass House

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House has passed bills designed to extend new protections to workers' pensions and tighten oversight of the accounting industry in response to the Enron Corp. debacle. But both measures face slow going in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

The House voted 334-90 Wednesday to approve the accounting bill, which also would toughen some corporate rules. Some Democrats accused House Republican leaders of bowing to financial interests by passing weak legislation. Houston-based Enron, which entered the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history in December, was one of President Bush's largest corporate donors.

Still, 119 Democrats joined the Republicans to vote for the measure; 87 Democrats opposed it.

Similar legislation in the Senate, focusing only on accounting-industry changes and described by its backers as tougher than the House version, hasn't yet been acted on. It wasn't clear when the Senate Banking Committee would begin drafting work.

Rise in Workers' Wages Slows

13 WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. workers' wages and benefits rose in the first quarter at the slowest pace in three years as the spotty economic recovery translated into less generous compensation packages. The employment cost index, a closely watched gauge of inflation, rose 0.8 percent in the January-March quarter, down from a seasonally adjusted 1 percent rise in the previous quarter, the Labor Department reported Thursday. -

The first-quarter increase in compensation was the smallest since a 0.4 percent gain posted in the first quarter of 1999.

On Wall Street, significant layoffs at Tyco and lackluster earnings from other companies sent stocks lower. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 65 points in the first hour of trading.

The wages and salaries component of the index, viewed by economists as the best measure of changes in workers' compensation, grew 0.8 percent in the first quarter, slightly slower than the 0.9 percent rise recorded in the fourth quarter.

The costs of benefits- such as health insurance and vacations- outpaced gains in wages and salaries, increasing 1 percent in the first quarter. However, that was the smallest gain since the third quarter of 2000 and was down from a 1.2 percent increase registered in the fourth quarter of last year.

Separately, fewer Americans filed new claims for state unemployment benefits last week, suggesting that the economic recovery is helping some laid-off workers get jobs.

For the work week ending April 20, new claims for jobless benefits fell by a sharp seasonally adjusted 31,000 to 421,000, the lowest level in a month, the department said in a second report.

In a third report, sales of previously owned homes, coming off the two highest months on record, fell 8.3 percent in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.40 million, a still-robust level of activity, the National Association of Realtors reported. The level of sales in March was the sixth strongest on record.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Cardinals Target Repeat Offenders

VATICAN CITY (AP) - American cardinals headed home Thursday from their summit at the Vatican, carrying plans for new policies to remove priests involved in sexual abuse - but facing a tough sell from some U.S. Catholics seeking a stricter stance of zero tolerance.

During the extraordinary two-day meeting, U.S. Catholic leaders navigated through sometimes contradictory guidelines set by Pope John Paul II in their bid to stem the sex abuse scandal that has rocked the American church.

AP

The Pope in Vatican Square

John Paul insisted there was no place in the priesthood for those who would endanger children. But at the same time, he expressed reservations about giving bishops too much authority to remove priests, fearing it would be misused and recalling his own life under communist rule in Poland. The pope also reminded the Americans about the possibility of repentance.

In the end, the cardinals stopped short of a "one strike, you're out" policy toward abusive priests. They said Wednesday they would recommend a process to defrock any priest who has become "notorious and is guilty of the serial, predatory sexual abuse of minors." In cases that are "not notorious" they would leave it up to the local bishop to decide.

Nigeria Leader Seeks Re-Election

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) - President Olusegun Obasanjo, whose 1999 election ended 15 years of brutal and corrupt military rule in Africa's most populous nation, announced Thursday he will run for re-election in 2003.

The Nigerian leader's declaration comes during a first term of sweeping gains in personal liberties in the troubled West African nation - but only modest gains at best in clean government, and amid surging ethnic and religious violence that has killed thousands.

"I have decided that is best that I make myself available as a presidential candidate," Obasanjo, dressed in a long, flowing white robe, told thousands of banner-waving supporters at a rally in Abuja, the capital.

The vote, due in the first half of 2003, is expected in April.

"The decision was made after lengthy consultation with family, friends, critics and allies," the 65-year-old leader said at the end of a day of speeches to supporters. "I weighed every piece of advice and caution."

He pledged to fight Nigeria's widespread corruption, and urged Nigerians not to allow violence to take over going into the elections.

Group Says 2,000 Arrested in China

BEIJING (AP) - Authorities have detained 2,000 followers of the banned Falun Gong spiritual group in a northern Chinese city after a defiant television broadcast by the group, a rights organization said Thursday.

More than 150 followers in Changchun have been sent to "re-education through labor" camps, the Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy said.

Changchun's women's labor camp alone has admitted 80 Falun Gong followers over the last six weeks, the Hong Kong-based center said.

Authorities have already announced the arrest of seven Falun Gong followers blamed for orchestrating the March 5 incident, during which cable TV broadcasts in Changchun and nearby Songyuan were interrupted to show programs attacking government propaganda against the group.

The information center said those could go on trial as early as next month.

In Beijing, the third anniversary of a 1999 protest that eventually led to the ban on Falun Gong passed uneventfully Thursday. Only tourists were in evidence on Beijing's Tiananmen Square, where dozens of followers were beaten and detained last year for protesting. No one was arrested, police said.

Quick facts: 2002-2003 Class Officers, J-Board Chair

PHOTO BY GREER MAHONEY '05

Name: Maurice I. Michaane
Hometown: Monroe, NY
Elected to: President, Class of 2003
On the Hill: Hosted a radio-news-talk-show on WHCL 88.7 for two years. "Yes, I was that 'Republican Show' we had on the air..." Also served as a member-at-large and Chair of the Student Media Board for two and a half years... Volunteered with several organizations at Hamilton since freshman year, such as Trust-Treat and the MLK Jr. Service Day... Resident Advisor and employee for the Office of Residential life.
Executive Experience: Class of 2003 president since freshman year. "Since then I have worked on many issues of concern to the Class of 2003 and the student body as a whole. My Student Assembly experiences have provided me with interactions with administrators, faculty, and trustees, but most of all it has allowed me to make lasting friendships along the way."
In his own words: "Next year is an exciting year for the Class of 2003; we will be seniors. That being said, I will work in concert with the rest of the Class of 2003 officers, and any others, to help ensure that the enthusiasm of our class keeps going and that we have a memorable senior year. Since day one of freshman year, the Class of 2003 has been full of energy, with our classmates showing their leadership throughout the school in different facets. My goal is to build on that enthusiasm."

Name: Amanda Field
Hometown: New York, NY
Elected to: Secretary, Class of 2003
On the Hill: The Community Conference Committee , the Inter-Society Council, and Phi Beta Chi.
Executive Experience: This will be her second year as the Secretary/Treasurer for the class of 2003.
In her own words: "I hope to help make next year a memorable year for everyone graduating and also hope to help plan more on-campus activities for students."

Name: Lauren Dentone
Hometown: Cold Spring Harbor, NY
Elected to: Class President, Class of 2004
On the Hill: Part of Untitled at Large. Member of the Varsity Crew Team during her freshman year.
Executive Experience: This is her first Hamilton student government involvement.
In her own words: When asked how she would make a difference next year, Lauren answered, "I plan to be available, energetic, and diligent, and be an enthusiastic advocate for our class. I will spend the necessary time to solicit and listen to ideas and concerns and try to appropriately and accurately reflect and promote those opinions. I will be an activist for the junior class." She continued, "I will strive to coalesce the reasonably broad range of interests, thoughts, and opinions of our class into a representative agenda with practical and feasible goals."

PHOTO BY GREER MAHONEY '05

Name: Elizabeth Dolan
Hometown: Richmond, VA
Elected to: President, Class of 2005
On the Hill: A member of the dance team. A writer for *The Spectator*. "After a year here at Hamilton, I am excited to take on more next year."
Executive Experience: Class of 2005 Representative
In her own words: When asked what she had planned for next year, Dolan replied: "More social events! Also, I hope to really get members of our class involved in what is being discussed in meetings. I have a few other ideas concerning administrative issues and community service projects... We will see what our class is capable of doing! I, of course, am so excited to have this opportunity to represent '05 and will strive to challenge our class into taking a more active role in our community, whether it is through social events or campus-wide projects."

Name: Greer Mahoney
Hometown: Manlius, New York
Elected to: Secretary, Class of 2005
On the Hill: Runs cross country for the school. A photographer for *The Spectator*.
Executive Experience: Next semester will mark Mahoney's first year of involvement on Hamilton's Student Assembly. She served as a member of her high school's student assembly, though, and was also her high school class treasurer.
In her own words: I hope to organize events, get our class involved in numerous activities, and work for resolving issues that are important to our class.

Name: Nick Roberge
Hometown: Syracuse, NY
Elected to: J-Board Chair
On the Hill: Rugby. Races with the Alpine ski team. According to half the people who ride the jitney, the "World's Greatest Jitney Driver"(the other half prefer Fortin). An RA in Minor.
Executive Experience: Elected to represent the junior class on the judicial board at the end of his sophomore year
In his own words: "I'd like to make myself more open to the community so that they can understand our processes and our mindset. The big difficulty we've had has been finding a sanction more serious than probation. People do not take probation as seiously as we want them to. However, we need to find something less serious than removal from campus. I'd really love to see community service become part of the sanctioning process."

Jeff Corey, Secretary of the Class of 2004, was unavailable for comment.

Honorary degree recipients reprent wide range of interests and professional fields

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1995 he was inducted into the Jazz Hall of Fame of the Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies and the New Jersey Jazz Society.

Hyman has also had a prolific career in New York as a studio musician and won seven Most Valuable Player awards from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. He received an Emmy for his original score for Sunshine's on the Way, a daytime drama, and another for musical direction of a PBS special on Eubie Blake.

Paul Kellogg:

As general and artistic director of the 2,700 seat New York City Opera, Kellogg is credited with distinguishing the company from the Metropolitan Opera Company. He grew up in Hollywood, surrounded by singers, then studied comparative literature at the University of Texas, before spending several years at the Sorbonne in Paris. After teaching French for a time, he moved to Cooperstown, N.Y., and became a founding director of the Glimmerglass Opera.

Kellogg has already earned a place in the annals of American opera for his stewardship of the 27 year-old Glimmerglass Opera, which presents summer seasons in the 900-seat Busch Opera

Thomas Meehan

A 1951 Hamilton graduate, Meehan's career has spanned more than 40 years and has included work as journalist, fiction writer, writer of television comedy, screenwriter, and a successful librettist of some very successful Broadway musicals, including Annie and the hugely popular The Producers. Following graduation from Hamilton, he became a staff writer for The New Yorker magazine. After several of his pieces from The New Yorker had been adapted by others for television, he began writing humor for TV and was a nominee for and winner of four Emmy awards.

In the 1970s, Meehan joined, lyricist and Broadway director Martin Charnin, and Broadway composer Charles Strouse in creating Annie, one of the most honored musicals in the history of the American theater and an international hit that has been staged over the last 25 years in virtually every country in the world. For his libretto of Annie, which opened in 1977, Meehan won both the Drama Desk and Tony awards.

In the 1980s, Meehan spent several years writing film scripts in Los Angeles, and his movie credits include Disney's One Magic Christmas, To Be or Not To Be, and Spaceballs, two pictures he wrote with his old friend, Mel Brooks. In 1998 Brooks asked Meehan to co-write the libretto of a Broadway musical adaptation of Brooks' classic 1968 comic film The Producers. This collaboration earned Meehan his second Drama Desk and Tony awards. Meanwhile, The Producers won 12 Tony awards and has been hailed as the biggest hit in the history of Broadway.

Meehan is currently working on several projects, including co-writing the libretto of an opera based on George Orwell's 1984. In addition in collaboration with Mark O'Donnell, he recently completed the book of a Broadway musical version of John Waters' 1989 film Hairspray, a show that will open on Broadway in August.

Christie Whitman

Whitman was sworn in as President George Bush's EPA administrator in January 2001. She served previously as the 50th governor of New Jersey.

As EPA administrator Whitman says her focus is on cleaning up brownfields, old urban industrial sites, and on clean air. She recently sided with environmental groups against General Electric, ordering the company to pay $480 million to clean up toxic wastes it had dumped in the Hudson River.

Whitman was New Jersey's first female governor. She appointed New Jersey's first African-American State Supreme Court Justice, its first female State Supreme Court Chief Justice, and its first female attorney general.

Newly tenured Professor of English Doran Larson, who is on-leave, was unavailable for an interview, as he is on-site finishing work on a recent project. Look for his profile in a future issue of *The Spectator*.

Editorial
The Spectator

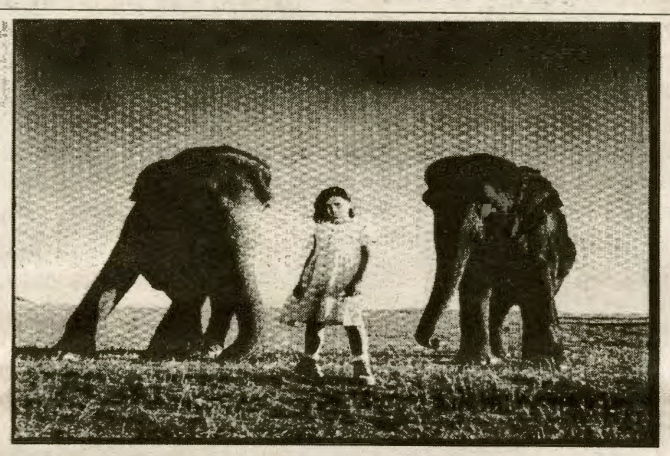
Editorial:

Due to the nature of the responses that *The Spectator* has received to its April 19 editorial regarding AD's potential reinstatement, The Spectator staff has chosen to use this space to clarify the function and purpose of an editorial and to outline appropriate means of responding to disagreement with the content of the editorial.

In the weekly editorial, members of the editorial board of *The Spectator* express their opinion about current campus issues. The content of the editorial represents the opinion of the majority, but not necessarily all, of *The Spectator* staff. The newspaper's writers do not vote on the content of the editorial. To indicate that the opinions represented are the consensus of more than one individual, the editorial remains unsigned.

The Spectator editorial often deals specifically with controversial topics in order to stimulate discussion of these issues on campus. However, when students who disagree with the content of the editorial respond by making obscene and offensive phone calls to members of the editorial board, it accomplishes nothing. Instead of sparking proactive discussion through letters to the editor, which the whole campus can read, and possibly changing the opinion of the board or others on campus, these non-productive methods only reinforce points made in the editorial.

If students, or other members of the campus, truly want to sway people's opinions, then they must employ positive methods that alert a large number of people to the viability of their views, not use their anger to ineffectively lash out at the editorial board. In this way, the entire community can benefit from the reasonable, intellectual discussion created.



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Student Assembly, J-Board, Honor Court, and Appeals Board platforms for May 1 election

Ginger Bailey Pearson
My name is Ginger Bailey Pearson and I am running for the honor court position. I feel that I am qualified because I held a similar position at my high school for two years. I will be a responsible representative who will be committed to making the right decision by taking into account all aspects of violations. I would be honored to serve on this board. Please give me the opportunity to fairly represent the interest of the student body.

Class of '04 Representative

Rob Parker
My name is Rob Parker and I hope to be one of our class representatives for the following school year. I am currently serving as a representative for our class as well as serving on additional Student Assembly committees being the chair of one. This past year, I have worked hard to cosponsor the Super Bowl party in the Annex as well as other activities for our class. In addition, I have worked in conjunction with administration discussing social conditions and the need to integrate different factions of the student body. Currently, we're working hard on parking regulations, the implementation of our All-Campus cards to businesses downtown and how we could better serve the community with our increase in Activities funding. If anyone would like more specifics about these ideas, please talk to me. Lets make this next year great. Thank you and please vote Rob Parker.

Liz Backer
After serving as a class of 2004 member of the Student Assembly, I look forward to continuing to serve the student body in the upcoming year. As a representative, I addressed and resolved student body concerns, planned events for the campus community, and worked to make your dining experience more enjoyable by serving on the Food and Dining Committee. Further, as a sophomore representative on the Committee on Social Programming Guidelines, I reviewed guidelines for organizations sponsoring alcoholic events, devised and conducted social policy surveys for other colleges and developed and presented a housing proposal to Residential Life. My role in this Committee along with my experience on the Student Assembly has made me aware of the issues most important to the Hamilton community.

I welcome the opportunity to address new challenges in the year ahead. By listening to your ideas, I will work to promote the best interests of our entire class. Please, REELECT me, LIZ BACKER to Student Assembly. Thank you for your support.

Michael Galante
As both a member of the men's varsity soccer team and an active member of our community, you've probably met me at some point or another. I am running for this position because I'm tired of seeing petty flaws on our campus go unnoticed and overlooked. I hate going to the gym and seeing broken treadmills. I am also sick of getting parking tickets while sitting in my car. And lastly, I'm tired of boring Friday nights where, instead of sitting in our dorms, we should be wreaking havoc in the village of Clinton...(joke). As you can see I have no qualms about stating my opinions and I would vigorously do the same with YOUR IDEAS AND VIEWS on how we can make this campus a bit more exciting and, more importantly, more efficient. You can count on me to listen to you and actively lay YOUR ISSUES on the table. I am very approachable and I am promising you that I will do my best to represent our class. So vote for me and let's get down to business.

Marla Nasser
For the past two years I have served on the Student Assembly as one of the representatives for the class of 2004. During these past two years I have learned about how Hamilton can be changed by the student body for the better. I have done this through helping to organize and run events, proposing ideas, and working with administrators and other members of the Student Assembly. I hope to continue this learning experience and represent our class to the best of my ability. If re-elected I will try to improve the amount and quality of events on campus. I will also work toward increasing communication between the Student Assembly and the student body. I promise to work as hard as I possibly can for all the issues that are important to this class.

Kristin Merriman
Greetings CLASS OF 04'! I have been honored to serve as your class representative during the past two years. I am now asking for your support so that I can continue to represent the CLASS OF 04' during our junior year. I take my position as representative seriously and am familiar with the proceedings of the assembly. I attend each meeting with an open-mind and an enthusiastic readiness to work. Through Student Assembly I serveon the Student Interest Committee and tackle any problem/concern that arises. My involvement in various other student organizations (Alpha Theta Chi, the squash team & AIDS Community Resources) has increased my ability to effectively represent our class by providing me with a wide range of social networks to discuss the issues concerning the student body. Student Assembly is an integral part of my Hamilton experience. Please vote on Wednesday and "VOTE KRISTIN BECAUSE I WILL LISTEN".

Sarah Siegel
Being a sophomore has given me great insight into some of the problems that Hamilton College faces, and becoming a class representative would be a great way to diminish these problems. Although many students seem to turn the other cheek when it comes to dealing with controversial issues, most would like to become more involved in the decisions that are made to better this campus. I want to represent my classmates in a fair manner that will give them a voice in the decisions that are made concerning not only them, but the faculty and staff also. The involvement that I have taken in my extracurricular activities have also given me a chance to hear many viewpoints and understand different opinions that students have, and each should be represented with the same fairness as others. With all of these attributes combined, I feel as though I would be successful in representing my classmates.

Class of '04 J-Board Rep

Graham Stevens
I feel that I am well versed in student affairs and fully capable to represent my class as a J-Board representative. I have served on numerous committees during my two years at Hamilton, and feel that I could be of vital use to J-Board. I am open for any questions or concerns, and am willing to work for the better interest of the Hamilton community.

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Summer Levitt projects apply public policy to diverse range of subjects

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associate with its use.

Over the summer Fogelstrom and Owen will research the characteristics of e-cash users, and investigate current governmental policies dealing with e-cash and other forms of electronic payment. "A new form of payment has the potential to create major changes in our aggregate economy because our methods of implementing monetary policy to regulate the economy simply do not take into account a form of payment such as e-cash," Fogelstrom said. "Hopefully, we will find some answers to these questions. This research will probably be the basis for my senior thesis.

"I just thought that e-cash was an interesting idea in general," Fogelstrom continued. "It turns out that it is also a fairly prominent area for economic research because no one is quite sure of the effect e-cash will yield on the economy," he added.

On the other end of the spectrum, Cameron Johnson, a religious studies and classics major, will spend his summer studying how the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees instills democratic values in Bosnian males and Sudanese lost boys. "Both groups have come to America from areas of the world that have extremely different ethical and moral practices, and my paper will examine how the two cultures, native and American, interact," said Johnson.

"The idea came from studying in D.C. last semester, where I did lots of human rights work with the Washington, D.C. Office of Human Rights and studied the political and sociological tenents of communitarianism," he added.

Arlette Barahonas, a theater and philosophy double major, will conduct an indepth study applying her knowledge of philosophy with that of mental illness. "I'm going to conduct a philosophical investiagion into mental illness," Barahona said, citing the aim of her project as to "determine the distinction between the social constructions of mental illness and what is actually biological.

"I'd like to study how we perceive the mentally ill, and how, as a result, they perceive themselves. I am really interested in the idea of their self-concept. I'd like to find out if it is negative, and how that adds to their problems. Is there a way that society can change that?" she asked.

According to Barahona, the idea for this project came out of two classes, the first of which discussed the contemporary issues in the study of philosophy. The second class broached the subject of mental issues. Barahona took a particular interest when her professor referred to mental illness as a "metaphysical deviant," a concept that led her to question if mental illnesses had their roots in sociology or biology.

"I have my own opinion on the matter. I really think it's a combination of the two forces, but I'd like to have a clearer view, have fun, and hopefully come up with some metaphysical theory."

Li Qi, an economics and government double major , will work with Professor of Government Cheng Li. His project is titled "Applying Education Abroad to Promote Democracy at Home: Chinese Returnees from the U.S. and Political Reform in China."

French students express "shock, disbelief" over French presidential preliminaries

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the impact of September 11th; "We have to remember that his is the first major election in the West since [the attacks of] September." Yordan explained how the feeling of insecurity from the terrorist attacks has been played off of by right-wing groups who oppose immigrants, leading to an increase in their popularity. He also noted how proportional representation in continental Europe allows for more extreme elements in the government, while the democracies of England and America prevent this because they are not proportional. "Only in Europe's parliaments do we see this. We need to ask if proportional representation is a good thing." Finaly, he dismissed Le Pen's belief that immigrants harm the domestic economy of an industrial country, explaining how France's economy depends upon youn immigrants for labor and economic support.

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Protestors line the streets of Paris rallying against the possible election of Le Pen.

Both professors further explained how the only real threat from Le Pen now comes in the form of the upcoming parliamentary elections. If the National Front can secure around 30 seats, then they "will force the socialists and the conservatives to compromise, water down their own policies, and unify against the right... The National Assembly will really [show the] attitude [in France]," Yordan explained. He also examined the demographics of the election and how Le Pen's "stronghold" is in the south and along the French-German border, where immigration is high and obvious.

Maud Terraillon '04, a French native studying at Hamilton, expressed her "shock and disbelief" at the election result, calling it "pretty frightening" and hoping the "people will react." In the last few days, groups of up to 150,000 anti-Le Pen protestors, composed mainly of youth, have taken to the streets all across the country, showing the general resentment toward racism. At the same time, however, as Terraillon notes, "the anti-Semitic issue is still a real one in France, and people aren't aware of it."

The final election will be held on May 5th and is expected to go to Chirac by a huge margin.

Rabinowitz: Please don't feel that this is a school that does not take sexual offenses seriously

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Hamilton are part of a larger system of violence against women." Turner thought that incorporating the black T-shirts into the day added a visual impact to both the rally and the day as a whole. "The T-shirt project doesn't make you vulnerable. It's a very simple yet powerful way to get your message across," she said.

Nancy Rabinowitz, chair of the Harassment Grievance Board at Hamilton, spoke next about the services the board offers students. Acknowledging that many students don't know the board exists, Rabinowitz expressed the desire to increase its presence on campus. "This is not a campus without any recourse," she said. "Please don't feel that this is a school that does not take these offenses seriously." Students who have feel that they have been harassed can bring their complaint to the board for a confidential hearing.

The audience was also exposed to the results of the Hamilton College Women's Survey, a study on sexual assault on campus. The first survey of its kind at Hamilton, it attracted 534 respondents from the Classes of 2001 to 2004. Its findings echoed national studies that "1 in 5" women will be sexually assaulted while at college.

In addition, representatives from both the Sexual Assault Center and Men Advocating Change spoke about what their respective organizations are doing to combat sexual assault on campus. Kerri Spindler-Ranta '02 from the Sexual Assault Center emphasized each individual's need to be proactive. "I urge all of you to make an active choice to do something about it," she said.

David Kolb '02, a member of MAC, reminded the audience of the role men should take in combating sexual violence. "Men need to take an active role as well as women," he said, a role that his group is trying to promote through educational workshops aimed at male audiences.

The rally ended with Turner calling all audience members wearing black shirts to join her on stage in a show of solidarity and support for sexual assault awareness and action.

However, the rally was just part of the events Turner planned for Women's Energy Week. Celebrating women's energy is a tradition here on the Hill, with some years devoting a weekend to the event, and other years, like this one, a whole week.

Turner's main goal for the week was to increase the sense of community at Hamilton and make sure women knew there was an outlet designed specifically for them. "It's really important to have a community on campus," she said. "It's also important to me to get information out about women's issues."

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Students proudly wear their t-shirts as part of the Womyn's Center "1 in 5" project. Thanks to the help of numerous sororities, and many of the women's sports teams, the campaign was a success; the Center ran out of the 200 T-shirts it had pre-ordered for the event.

Turner has been fairly pleased with the response the week has gotten on campus. For the "1 in 5" T-shirt project, the Womyn's Center ran out of the 200 T-shirts it had pre-ordered. She was also pleased at the response different organizations, such as sororities and women's lacrosse, field hockey, and softball, had given the events. "I think it's important for different groups to show coalition with each other," she added.

Other events during the week included a talk by members of the New York Sharks; a women's pro-football team; various movies; an open mic; and a talk by Eve Sedgwick. The week concludes with a concert in the Chapel by Meaghan Toohey at 8 p.m. on Saturday. Courtney Robbins '03 will open, and refreshments will be provided.

Turner also expressed hope that next year the week will attract even more attention. "For next year, we would like to have it in the fall," she said. "That way, we can get people involved early."

Student Assembly, J-Board, Honor Court, and Appeals Board Platforms

Class of '03 Representative

Karsten Lund
Ok, so I want to be a representative for the Class of 2003. You've possibly forgotten who I am, as I haven't been on campus this semester. (I'm studying abroad in Morocco) Regardless of the state of your memory, I'm ready to jump back into work on Student Assembly next fall. I won't claim that I'll come back to Hamilton with an expanded worldview or enlightenment of any kind, but I will tell you that I have been a devoted class representative for 5 consecutive semesters (all until this one), and thus have a significant amount of experience. To boot, when I'm on campus, I get around a lot (not in a sexual way) so I'm generally easy to find if you want to tell me your comments, complaints or suggestions, and I have worked extensively with the administration inthe past, so I know where to go to work on most any issue. That's that. Those are my qualifications. Take 'em or leave 'em. And see you in the fall...

Wallis Post
As rising seniors it is our responsibility to be motivated, determined and to see our actions take effect. Last year on Student Assembly I met with Administrators to discuss the issue of parking on our campus. Since I have been abroad it has come to my attention that this situation has only worsened. My prerogative if given the opportunity to serve on Student Assembly again would be to take action. As a representative of the body it's important to voice the concerns of my peers. Approaching my senior year I want to organize activities such as senior spirit day, and a tailgating event to raise money for other activities. Since I have been abroad important steps have been made with the implementation of a three bin recycling system. Educating the freshman during orientation week can increase this awareness. Let's make our senior year memorable and leave a legacy for others to follow.

Meadow Sakovics- 2003
As we rapidly approach our senior year, I am excited to once again serve as a Representative on the Student Assembly for the Class of 2003. During my past three years as a Representative, I have worked to increase the hours of the diner, tackle parking issues, and create fun-filled campus events, such as our Midnight Snack Attacks. Next year, the parking situation is going to be an even larger issue, and I would like to serve our class by working to improve the situation and any others that may arise. Most importantly, I believe that the advice, suggestions, and concerns of every class member are important, so vote Meadow to make sure YOUR voice is heard!

Amanda Gengler
My name is Amanda Gengler and I would like to continue representing our class on the student assembly. I feel that the student assembly is currently in the process of making many important decisions which will continue to be discussed next year. I would like to finish addressing the parking concerns, J-Board issues, and many other important topics that currently draw the focus of the student assembly and will greatly affect the students of the College next year. I believe that a strong class representative should be approachable and actively involved in many different aspects of Hamilton College. I feel that I can accurately represent the class of 2003.

Libby Collar '03
One of the main purposes of being a class rep is to act as a liaison between the assembly and the student body. If elected class representative my main objective is to be accessible to those who want to be heard. A lot of effort goes into senior week and all seniors have a right to state their opinions. I want the opportunity to listen to what people have to say and bring their ideas forth to the rest of the assembly.

Class of '03 Representative

Brian Cohen
My name is Brian Cohen, and I am running for class representative. I want to represent you and your interests. I have experienced a diverse life at Hamilton doing lots of interesting things such as playing soccer and hockey, competing in Public Speaking Contests, working security, acting in a play, and participating in a fraternity. I have met a wide range of people, students and administrators, and have established "good rapport" with all of them. The bottom line is that I know how to communicate effectively with all members and spheres of the campus. As a class representative, I will be able to boldly fight for the interests of my constituents with a persuasive conviction. I think you want a person who will be stubborn and fight until he gets what he is fighting for. I think you want someone who is not afraid to step up to the plate and challenge the status quo, the current ethos.

Anne-Sophie Young
My name is Anne-Sophie Young and I am running for the class of 2003 class representative. Although I have been abroad the past semester, I am interested in returning to school and becoming actively involved in the student government. After being a part of the Hamilton community for three years, I feel that I would be a good representative for our class. As a representative for the class of 2003, I would be willing to listen to the ideas of every student. I will work hard to achieve those goals that would make our school even better. I am very interested in becoming a more active participant in our school and feel that by becoming a class representative I will be able to help achieve this goal and help improve Hamilton.

Class of '03 J-Board Rep

Karthika Parithivel
Hey guys- I'm running for J-Board Representative, class of 2003, and here is why I am running: J-Board is a vital part of campus life because it maintains order throughout the campus. In order to preserve the integrity of J-Board, it is necessary to uphold just and unbiased decisions and to keep them consistent. If I am elected J-Board Representative, I will represent this voice and ensure the fairest decisions. We are all looking for a balance between satisfying the interests of the administration and the student body. The bottom line is that if you screw up and get caught, you deserve to suffer the consequences. BUT we all make mistakes and we all deserve an impartial and fair-minded punishment. So, if you are looking for fairness, consistency, and balance between the student body and administration, elect me your J-Board representative and I will do the best job I can!

Nicholas Mirick Some may remember my articles in the Spec last semester. If you do, you know that I am concernedwith respect for the individual, but not at the expense of the greater good. I am an "Insightful Greek" and I care agreat deal about maintaining and promoting the safety and well-being of all the students and student-groups thatmake our campus something more then a place to take some classes. This campus is ours, and theresponsibility to govern ourselves accordingly is also ours-if we are too weak to do so, we might as well goelsewhere, because college is not for us. Ours is the responsibility and I believe that I can fairly and responsiblybe at the forefront of that burden. Thank you.

Meg Burke
Hi my name is Meg Burke, and I would like to serve as one of your senior class judicial representative. Over the past three years I have been acutely aware of judicial board policy and their effects on the class of 2003. As we become rising seniors I would like to put those observations to work to best help protect the interest of our class. I am not for hastily made decisions; I am for fair and just resolutions that allow for someone to learn from their mistakes. I ask that on Election Day you place your confidence with me and protecting the judicial interests of our class. Feel free to approach me with any questions regarding my positions and candidacy for J Board Rep.

Ali Albedawi
My name is Ali Albedawi and I am running for senior class Judicial Board representative. Currently I am one of the Junior J-Board representatives. During my first year as a J-Board representative I have learned how the Hamilton Judicial system works and learned how to address student issues as a result of the problems that they go through as part of the college growth process. We need people who can understand that we make mistakes and that we can learn from them. My experience on the board has allowed me to understand this simple fact. As your Senior J-Board Representative I will be sensitive to the needs of students, address their judicial concerns as well as help make the best decisions in regards to choices that affect their future here at Hamilton and beyond. Thank you for your time and consideration and remember a vote for me is a vote for experience.

Schuyler Gellatly
I am currently a class representative and I want to get involved with our campus community on another level. I want to represent our class on the Judicial Board not only to promote fairness in judicial matters for the entire Hamilton community but also to eradicate the often excessive sanctioning against GREEK members of our community. Vote for me; let's start making the judicial process an EQUALLY represented entity.

Honor court

Jordan Burns
I am running for the class of 2003 honor court representative position because I feel that academic integrity represents one of the most important ideals at this college. As your honor court representative I hope to maintain the academic integrity at Hamilton college in a fair and understanding manner. I will work tirelessly to ensure that violators of the honor code are punished in the appropriate manner and I will work equally hard to ensure that those wrongfully accused do not receive punishment. If elected, I promise to uphold the values of Hamilton College and ensure that this college remains an honorable and just institution.

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ResLife makes changes to housing, lottery procedures

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the Office was able to successfully complete both the Substance-Free Lottery and the Keehn Lottery. ResLife is currently preparing for the regular housing lottery, a routine process for the College Office. Students, however, may be surprised to find a number of adjustments made to both the residential options and the lottery procedure itself.

The changes come from suggestions issued by both Residential Life itself and the Residence Hall Council, a student-run advisory body. According to Carin Plante, Northside Area Coordinator and Housing Lottery Coordinator, the RHC was created in response to Residential Life's constant need for student feedback. The group conducts a survey each spring in order to better address student concerns regarding housing.

This year, Residential Life has made a number of adjustments to the smoke-free and quiet residential options on campus in response to this survey. The College increased the number of smoke-free areas on campus by making both the Babbitt Suites and South Residence Hall completely smoke-free. In addition, the second floor of Major joins the third floor of the building as a "quiet hall."

The office also broke up a number of Kirkland-side suites in order to alter the gender-ratios in them. Next year, the three eight-pulls in Babbitt and the Millbank ten-pull will be twelve two-pulls and five two-pulls, respectively.

"Historically, though pulls have gone to all-male groups," said Plante. "These suites were the only four suites that allowed students to pull so many students; all of the other pulls on campus are six or less. In an effort to be consistent, and to ensure that all pulls on campus would be six or less, we decided to turn these eight- and ten-pulls into a number of two-pulls."

Besides splitting up the suites, Residential Life has also turned three of the Eels doubles into triples. These triples will be paired with doubles to create three five-pulls in Eels.

"These will be the first and only five-pulls in Eels," Plante added.

Also new to the housing lottery is the addition of the AV Department; this year's lottery will be run by live broadcast, showcasing real-time floor plans. "The idea was brought to us by the AV Department," said Plante. "It will make sure that rising seniors won't have to wake up at 9 a.m. and sit at the lottery, waiting to see what happens. With the lottery televised, students will have the ability to sit in their rooms, work on their papers, and hang-out when they would otherwise have to be present at the lottery itself."

Plante hopes that these additions to the lottery will make the process smoother and more accommodating for Hamilton students.

For IVCF, Jesus Awareness Week opportunity to concentrate efforts on reading gospel of God

*from **IVCF**, page 2*

and the acceptance of His sacrifices for His people. There will also be opportunities to ask questions about Jesus and Christianity as well as events where students and faculty alike can hear real stories of personal encounters with Jesus.

In general, the event ran smoothly, said Jesus Awareness Week Coordinators. In particular, Francis pointed to a group discussion early in the week in which the issues of homosexuality and creationism versus evolution were discussed. Casella especially enjoyed one of the culminating events, the *Cornerstone Worship Band*, who played on Thursday.

Although evangelism is more than "a one-week-out-of-the-year" event, the Fellowship sees this week of Jesus Awareness as the perfect opportunity to concentrate their efforts on spreading the gospel of God and raising awareness around Hamilton. It is also an effective venue for learning about all aspects of Christianity and Jesus Christ.

"It's like a little kid with a new toy," said Francis. "He wants to share it, but he's not going to make other kids come over and play with it.

Insights & Ideas

One in Five WHAT?

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Lately it has become almost impossible to walk around campus without seeing signs displaying "facts" about rape at Hamilton. I am writing to condemn the Sexual Assault Center for sponsoring a campaign that posted these signs and the Womyn's Center for distributing T-Shirts with misleading information.

As a student who believes rape is a serious problem, I am disgusted that the issue is being underscored by the plethora of misleading information on campus. By criticizing these organizations, my intentions are not to denounce an important issue, but to encourage my peers to address the problem with a more responsible approach.

Although I totally agree with the intentions of the Sexual Assault Center and the Womyn's Center, I think they are drawing attention to the problem in an unhelpful manner.

Writing implausible numbers such as "1 in 5 women are raped" actually hurts the cause, as it diminishes the importance of the fewer number who are actually raped. When unfounded numbers are so readily trumpeted, it also makes people take the whole issue less seriously, when in fact they should be concerned.

Why do activists need to inflate numbers? Rape is not only a problem if it happens frequently. It is a problem if it happens once. By publicizing misleading numbers, these groups are only disenfranchising support for a very important cause.

The most misleading piece of information on campus is the banner in Commons that claims 1 in 5 women will be raped before they graduate. There is absolutely no evidence to support this assertion.

Although it is unclear who posted the banner, it was very irresponsible of them to try and scare other students with a statistic that has no merit.

Other signs throughout campus, sponsored by the Sexual Assault Center, claim that "Rape happens Here." They justify this claim with the statistic that "1 out of 5 women have been the victim[s] of sexual assault."

An assertion about rape cannot be justified by a statistic about sexual assault because rape and sexual assault are two distinctly different terms.

These signs give the false impression that 1 out of every 5 women are raped. The statistic they use to back up their assertion is for sexual assault, not rape. According to national surveys and research on campus, far fewer women have been raped.

The Womyn's Center has distributed T-Shirts that are even more misleading. On the front they say "1 in 5" and on the back they say "Stop Rape at Hamilton." The T-Shirts lack any explanation of what the statistic stands for, which also misleads people to believe that 1 in 5 women are raped.

The "1 in 5" statistic regarding sexual assault sounds horrifying. However, it is hard to tell what the nature of the sexual assault that actually occurs on campus is from a survey because of the definition of sexual assault.

According to the definition given in the Student Handbook, sexual assault is "any sexual contact without mutual consent." This definition is so ambiguous that it is hard for both researchers and participants in surveys to clearly define what actually constitutes sexual assault.

Some participants in surveys may consider an undesired touch on the shoulder sexual assault, while others may consider this nothing.

As a result of this ambiguity, research often inflates the number of cases of sexual assault on campus. The information on campus about rape has been so misleading that a member of the Womyn's Center sent out an email clarifying the signs throughout campus.

Although the email was a considerate gesture, it was too little too late. Posting misleading information was bad in itself. What made it worse was that the information was posted immediately prior to the accepted student open house.

These signs triggered a great deal of unnecessary concern among accepted students and their parents. Many guests of the college were falsely led to believe that 1 in 5 women at Hamilton are raped. The signs caused me and other enrolled students to waste time ensuring prospective students that Hamilton is a safe place to go to school.

Moreover, the misleading information on the signs has undoubtedly kept qualified prospective students from matriculating here. Displaying information that is not misleading, no matter how troubling, during open house would have been justified.

There is no problem with giving prospective students an accurate view of the school. What made these actions so irresponsible is that they presented misleading information at an incredibly important time for the school.

While most of the community worked hard to host the prospective students, the Sexual Assault Center undermined the hard work of the Admissions Office and everyone else that helped out with the open house by posting these signs.

Although I do not doubt that there is rape at Hamilton, and I appreciate all of the students who are making an effort to solve the problem, the Sexual Assault Center and the Womyn's Center should not jeopardize their credibility by using "scare tactics" based on inflated statistics to address the issue.

These "scare tactics" are hurting a cause that I believe in, and damaging the reputation of the college without truly addressing the important problem of rape.

Weekend 'Scopes

Aquarius *(January 20-February 17)* Watch out for Justinio on the Radio. Word is he's been using subliminal messages in his broadcast this week in order to lure you into bed. *Lucky phrase:* No Justinio, you can't turn my dial!

Pisces *(February 18-March 19)* Your life isn't that bad. You're not that fat, you're not that ugly, and the guy in Commons politely goes around you when he's mopping the floor. *Lucky song:* "Don't worry, be happy."

Aries *(March 20-April 19)* Something tells us the ladies at the Health Center weren't lying when they said those genital herpes would not be going away. *Lucky elixir:* Abstinence.

Taurus *(April 20-May 19)* As your sign's namesake would suggest, you are a smooth-running, American machine that may not be aesthetically pleasing but can handle any curve with ease and is enjoyable for anyone who is along for the ride. *Lucky fuel:* KY Jelly.

Gemini *(May 20-June 20)* Your birthday's closer than you think. So tell your friends it is your birthday Saturday and be prepared to reap the benefits of a night of free alcohol. *Lucky destination:* The toilet.

Cancer *(June 21-July 21)* Justinio loves his months that begin with 'J', so be cautious of the threesome he may try to pull with you and Aquarius. *Lucky radio station:* Anything but WHCL.

Leo *(July 22-August 22)* Let your hair down, quit worrying about what people think of you, and go ahead and use that tray in Commons-you're basically a sister already. *Lucky motto:* Just do it.

Virgo *(August 23-September 21)* You're the best Twister player on campus...act like it! Invite your friends over, kick their asses all over the Twister board, and grab some asses in the process. *Lucky position*: Left foot red, right hand boob.

Libra *(September 22-October 22)* More like Zebra-you look like a weirdo with those goofy stripes and Disney character ears. Oh that's right you're a pledge...forget it. *Lucky time of the year:* Two weeks from today.

Scorpio *(October 23-November 21)* Give up the whole hippie motif. Do you really think you're fooling anyone? You're just a rich kid from Greenwich whose ridiculous beliefs include saving the environment and the Keehn Elf. *Lucky concept:* Reality, give it a try.

Sagittarius *(November 22-December 20)* Okay that last one was mean. We've heard some things about you too though. It's time to start thinking about the future; so Geo majors, branch out a bit and pick up a double major in Economics. *Lucky locale:* Registrar's office.

Capricorn *(December 21-January 19)* Your world is on the upswing. You just made the Crew team, J-Board didn't kick you out of school, and you just got invited to the ITS, I mean TKE, semiformal. *Lucky inspiration:* The dick guy at the Diner.

This week's horoscopes are the vision of Paul Prophet Jones and Chris Prophet

Thumbs Up

- The best thing about the Housing Lottery: Living off campus

- Monday's FebFest flashbacks: dare we say it, Snoccer anyone?

- The Hungy-hungry Hippo board game, just one more reason to love hippos

- Agginazation: helping people miss IVCF laundry day

Thumbs Down

- Defeat at the hands of the Housing Lottery three years in a row

- Gin 'n Juice and Nothin' Fancy tickets: More expensive than a quickie at a Utica whorehouse

- Missing the Christian Fellowship's laundry day because you were too busy spankin' it

Who Cares?

- Winning the Housing Lottery as a freshman: ooooh, first pull in Bundy

- Womyn's Energy Week - We just didn't feel it

- 20th Birthdays

- The new sorority: the biggest waste of three Greek letters since TKE

by Lauren Reynolds, Paul P. Jones & Chris Preston

Letters to the Editor

Alumni on Alcohol
To the Specatator editor:

In response to the editorial of 4/19 regarding drunk driving, I believe the answers provided by the editorial board are short sighted. Bringing a wrecked car to campus won't change the situation, just as the real car wrecks (spring '97 comes to mind for my class) haven't changed the situation either.

A real fix to drunk driving on the hill needs to combat one of the following two problems: student drinking or student driving. For the past decade, Hamilton has chosen to fight the former. While reducing student drinking has been a noble goal and has made some gains, it is probably time to admit that it is an unwinnable war. Instead of cracking down harder on student drinking on campus, why not encourage it as an alternative to off-campus drinking? I would suggest that saving 1 life by preventing a drunk driving accident is worth turning a blind eye to thousands of underage drinking violations, most of which will never be stopped anyway. If no one wanted to leave campus to drink, there would be no drunk driving problem.

Hamilton has come a long way since the days of kegs in the stairwells and fraternity houses serving alcohol 5 nights a week. This is probably a good thing. But we must keep in mind that everything can be taken too far, and there is almost always a down side to any policy. The down side to the crackdown on drinking has been a rise in off-campus drinking. Offering viable and diverse drinking options on campus for everyone (not just those over 21) would be an easy way to reverse this trend and begin combatting drunk driving.

Some will argue that this is an old and shallow argument, or that the facts do not bear out. I respectfully disagree. Anyone from the class of 2000 can attest to the shift in drinking option on campus from 1996 to 2000, and the subsequent flocking toward the bars downtown during that period. Despite the lax carding policy downtown in the 90's, underage students rarely left campus to drink; there were just too many on campus option every night of the week. By 2000, leaving campus was the norm. The policy changes of the last 10 years are well documented: removing kegs from the dorms, eliminating the fraternity houses, cutting the number of social spaces by more than half, banning hard alcohol at fraternity parties, harder carding at the Pub, requiring massive security at parties while limiting the number of guests allowed, and cracking down on dorm parties. All of these changes have served to reduce on-campus drinking options and make downtown all that more appealing. This is not to say that all these policies are bad; student drinking has certainly gone down at Hamilton. But we must not forget that it comes with a price tag.

No sensible plan for dealing with student drinking can hope to both eliminate drunk driving and eliminate on-campus underage drinking. Those who think otherwise are naive optimists. I would encourage Hamilton to strengthen its commitment to eliminating the former by beginning to relax its vendetta against the latter.
--Matt Glassman '00

Thanks from the Staff
This letter is written to thank the Pentagon Society, Tumbling After, the Buffers, the Hamiltones, the Special K, and any other students involved in the Staff Recognition luncheon given on April 24th.

We are so grateful to be thanked for our efforts in serving the students of Hamilton College. We are impressed by the sincerity and the gratitude expressed by the students for our work with them and for them.

We know that our world will be a better place with these students leaving Hamilton with a sense of community and caring.

Thank you again, students, for showing us we are really appreciated.
--Members of the Burke Library Staff

Clean up the Glen!
To the Editor,

For the second time this semester, I was confronted by a mass of garbage on my early morning walk in Rogers Glen. Plastic bags, tin cans, a can opener, clothing, cigarette boxes, a wading pool, a chair, a knapsack, a fuel cannister from a party torch, a plastic trash can (encouraging!)and many, many, many beer cans, strewn everywhere — on the trail, in the woods, in the stream bed. Some stinking food — or was it vomit? - was smeared in the mud on the trail. I can understand taking advantage of central New York's few fine spring days to socialize outside, but I cannot understand leaving such a beautiful spot a total dump.
--Sally Cockburn

US Hypocrisy
Dear Editor:

It's sheer hypocrisy for the United States to demand that Israel halt its anti-terrorist activities. Israel is merely acting on the same principle of self-defense that the United States has acted on in Afghanistan. It should be obvious to everyone that Yasser Arafat is behind the vicious suicide bombings, that anti-Israeli terrorism is being sponsored by dictatorial régimes—Iran, Syria, Iraq—whose goal is to destroy Israel, that the Palestinian people are being used as cannon fodder by such regimes, and that the so-called peace process was a gimmick to sedate the West and to tie Israel's hands.

It was the Jews who took a virtually uninhabited desert in the Middle East and created an oasis of freedom and prosperity—to which many Arabs (i.e., "Palestinians") subsequently migrated in search of a better life. Meanwhile, Israel's neighbors established brutal dictatorships and have been using billions in oil revenues (made possible by the nationalization of oil fields discovered and developed by Western oil companies) to finance religious fanaticism, anti-Israel and anti-West hatred and terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction—leaving their own citizens enslaved and impoverished. To treat Israel as the problem, as many in the West, and especially academe, are doing, is immoral.

The only road to peace in the Middle East is for the United States to join forces with Israel and condemn and end the dictatorial regimes that sponsor terrorism. Not only would this courage greatly reduce terrorism, it would also give Arab citizens a chance to enjoy the same freedom and prosperity that many in the West take for granted.
--Jonathan Rick, '05

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Hamilton Unscripted: Which was more earthshattering: last week's earthquake, or Womyn's Energy Week?

"My 21st Birthday shattered both."
-Semmi Taylor '03

"I didn't wake up for the earthquake, and I didn't know it was Womyn's Energy Week."
-Emily Graham '05

"My sex life is more earth-shattering than both."
- Peyton Gray '05

"Earthquake? I thought my roomate was [having a little fun] on the bunk above me!"
-Chris Cagliuso '05

"The Womyn's Energy Week marked 6.3 on the Richter scale."
-Mike Proia '05

What are YOU doing on Sunday?
Combatting AIDS & Apathy on Campus

LAUREN REYNOLDS '02
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

During the past four years, I have seen a lot of changes on this campus. When I came to Hamilton, North Court was the hub of weekday and weekend entertainment, and Eels House was known simply as AD, one of the few remaining testaments to the former glory of frat housing.

Social life at Hamilton wasn't the only institution to experience a turnaround.

Whether the change in campus politics and activities caused a need for a different "type" of staff at the *Spec*, or whether the change was pure coincidence, the *Spec* you are reading today is a barely recognizable version of the paper it once was.

I remember my first trip to the *Spec* office - Peter Ringel dragged me to "see where the magic was made." As a young, innocent freshman, the sketchy Sig scene in the office intimidated me - but I was hooked.

From that week forward, I have spent the better portion of my Thursday nights (and Friday mornings) at the homely media haven that is the third floor of Bristol.

Though the scene at the *Spec* has drastically changed, and in many ways, immensely improved, there is one topic that all of the editors have grappled with - an issue known simply as "Hamilton Apathy."

In the past, editors have used the I&I section or the Editorial page to suggest proactive approaches to certain problems, or to make pleas to the campus to make better decisions. But sometimes, the power of the written word just isn't enough.

What do we do when begging and pragmatism seem to fall on deaf ears? We bring it home. Mother Theresa once said that big opportunities to help others rarely come our way, but small opportunities surround us daily.

Even more rare is the opportunity to make a big difference in your own backyard. This Sunday, AIDS Community Resources and the Senior Class are hosting the fourth annual AIDS Hike for Life, kicking off on Minor Field.

The most recent statistics on AIDS are staggering. Globally, over 36.1 million adults and children were living with HIV/AIDS in 2000.

Even scarier, over half of the new cases of HIV infection are among people under 25.

Entire generations of children are growing up in a world where AIDS is as prevalent chicken pox and strep throat.

In our own country, young adults between 13 and 25 are contracting AIDS at the numbing rate of two per hour - and an estimated quarter of a million young Americans don't even know they are infected. In the US, over 450,000 people have already died from AIDS.

AIDS carries with it an undeniable stigma. In high school, I was in charge of ATAC (Attacking the AIDS Crisis).

When one of our fundraisers supported the Gay Men's Health Crisis, an organization that has been at the forefront of education and awareness about the disease, my mother hinted that we might be more successful if we were raising money for a less controversial organization.

Other parents and potential donors agreed, and we wound up successfully campaigning for Hail House, a group that takes care of children born with HIV/AIDS. This stigma has prevented a national organization for AIDS research to be founded, and has also limited the funds received by organizations supporting those with AIDS and their families.

AIDS is a disease surrounded by myths - even after two decades of research and awareness programs, many people still believe that it is a homosexual disease.

On a local level, nearly half of AIDS Community Resource's clients reported heterosexual contact as the mode of transmission.

Scarier still is the lack of education in schools; in 2000, a quarter of high school students believed HIV screenings were standard procedures, and less than one-third of sexually active teens had been tested for HIV.

AIDS is not a disease without hope. There are hundreds of organizations like AIDS Community Resources around the country staffed with thousands of volunteers working around the clock trying to prevent another case of infection and helping to make life for those with AIDS a bit easier.

These organizations need help - and they need money. Each year, the AIDS Hike for Life raises nearly $29,000 for AIDS Community Resources - $29,000 that stays in the Mohawk Valley. This year, we are on pace to break former records and raise over $30,000.

This Sunday, over 500 people from Hamilton and the surrounding area will be on Minor Field, attempting to raise funds for and awareness of one of the most devastating diseases to hit mankind - and celebrating the strives we've made already. Where will you be?

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A new perspective on old growth forests

Professor Diggins illustrates the importance of these ancient forests

by Dan Fillius '02
CONTRIBUTING SCINCE WRITER

Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Thomas Diggins, or Tom, as his friends and students call him, is an aquatic biologist by trade and training, but his keen interest in forest ecology has led him to become involved in the movement to preserve New York State's old growth forests. He is a founding member of the New York State Old Growth Forest Association, a group that is active in this pursuit. Recently, he has helped identify the largest, and possibly the oldest, trees in the Northeast at Zoar Valley near Buffalo.

"The issue of old growth forests is complicated, and facts are often misrepresented."

Diggins first became interested in northern forest ecology as a kid growing up in the countryside of western New York. He worked for the Erie County Parks and Forestry Department, leading nature tours, hauling logs, and giving tours of the local sawmill. Though seemingly ironic work when compared with his current interests, the wood harvesting that he helped with was "a minimal salvage operation, on such a small scale that there was little to no effect on the natural cycle of nutrients."

Most eastern forests were cleared at some point in history. Logging and agriculture were the principal reasons for clearing. The result is that the large majority of these forests are now young and in various stages of recovery. Some areas were protected, mostly by their inaccessibility. The Zoar Valley canyon, at 400 feet deep with only two trails to the bottom, is one of those places.

So what exactly is old growth? There have been many attempts to define this term, and Diggins offers this one: "a forest continuously free of deliberate, concerted human interference since before European colonization." He clarifies, "advocacy and protection do not, of course, constitute 'interference.'"

"I started working with old growth in earnest about three years ago when I met Bruce Kershner, founder of the Western New York Old Growth Forest Association (WNYOGFA). I had read about his work in Zoar, where I had been hiking since 1993. I was amazed by the place, and later that week I went out there with Bruce and WNYOGFA. Since then I have gone on six other hikes there, and we have found the tallest sycamore, eastern cottonwood, red oak, and tulip trees north of the Smoky Mountains. These are also the tallest hardwood trees in the Northeast. The canopy there is over 300 years old and roughly 130-145 feet tall." For an idea of how tall this is, the canopy of the Root Glen is about 100 feet tall.

BY DAN FILLIUS '02

This photo is a fine example of the terrain that formed and protected the old growth forest of Zoar Valley.

BY DAN FILLIUS '02

Members of the Western New York Old Growth Forest Association pose with an ancient sugar maple in Zoar Valley.

Zoar Valley has such spectacular old growth forests for many reasons. Its inaccessibility has protected it from humans. The structure of the valley also protects it from high winds, which have a tendency to blow down tall trees. The river in the bottom of the valley brings in nutrients, creating very fertile alluvial soils. Finally, its proximity to Lake Erie moderates the climate of the valley, lengthening the growing season.

The issue of old growth forests is complicated, and facts are often misrepresented. "The widespread belief that no original forest remains in the East outside of a few very well-known preserves (e.g., the Adirondacks) is a myth I'd like to see laid to rest. It is, of course, entirely true that the East's original forests were severely decimated, but ecologically and culturally significant remnants are far more numerous than realized, sometimes even in urban areas. Unless the existence of these remnant stands is properly catalogued and publicized, their protection will remain tenuous at best."

Another such misinterpretation comes with the assertion that there is more forested area now than there was in 1900. Some use this fact to support the argument that forests are thriving and need no more protection. The truth is that there is more forest now because movement away from rural areas into cities after the turn of the 20th century left a lot of abandoned farmland. Natural succession took over, and this land eventually became the younger forests of today. Although the quantity is greater, the quality is not. "These areas have less biodiversity than older forests." says Diggins.

"Eastern hemlock is common in our older forests. It creates very acidic soil around it , which stunts or prevents the growth of other plants. When a tree falls and starts rotting, it provides a very fertile spot for new growth. The gap in the canopy of the forest also allows light to reach the understory, resulting in faster growth of young trees on this 'nurse log.'"

This "circle of life" concept is often cited in discussions of tropical rainforests, but it occurs here as well. "This dynamic occurs in old forests, but not in young ones, where the canopy is not yet composed of giants that create sizable light gaps when they fall. The spatial and temporal complexity that such light gaps create promotes plant and animal diversity that is not found in younger forests.

Consequently, the movement to save old growth forest is not simply an attempt to protect old trees. The habitat that these trees create houses a greater diversity of organisms than comparatively younger forests do. Diversity is important because it is the basis for stable ecosystems. Stable ecosystems are essential for clean water and air. Old growth is therefore strongly tied to the health of organisms of the northeast, including humans.

BY DAN FILLIUS '02

Professor Tom Diggins (far left) and several Hamilton students examine an old sugar maple in Root Glen.

During the past few years, Diggins has helped identify 8-10 areas of old growth outside of the Adirondacks on Nature Conservancy lands. "In this part of the state, settled more than 200 years ago, it is not always possible to say whether something is old growth or not. One important thing to look for is old hemlocks. If you find these, then you at least started with a woods or a wood lot, because these are not the first tree species to arrive after a disturbance such as farmland." Nearly half of the areas identified have strong evidence of original forest cover. Prior to these identifications and the measurement of trees in Zoar Valley, it was thought that New York's old growth forest existed only in the Adirondacks and Catskills.

Ten more areas are scheduled for surveying, and many more remain to be examined. It is thought that many potential old growth areas remain on private property, unbeknownst to the owners. With the continued work of people like Tom Diggins, these areas can be identified and protected.

You can be involved too: Do you want to help Tom work in Zoar Valley? An ecological surveying trip is tentatively planned for later this semester and all help would be appreciated. Contact him at tdiggins@hamilton.edu or call him at 859-4207 for more information.

Do you want to learn more about the trees and natural history of the North Woods? Come along on a nature walk with Tom every Wednesday afternoon at 4p.m. for the remainder of the semester. Meet by the couches in the Science building, wear comfortable shoes, and dress for the weather.

The New York State Old Growth Forest Association is holding a workshop on old growth forests that will teach you natural history and species identification, how to identify old growth, and how to conduct an old growth survey. It is from 9a.m. to 4:30p.m., May 4, at Green Lakes State Park. Contact Dan Fillius at dfillius@hamilton.edu for more information.

Ninth Annual Hudson River Undergraduate Mathematics Conference

Hamilton College

Saturday, April 27, 2002

Schedule of Events

-8:30-9:50- Registration (ELS)

-10:00-10:55- Session I talks (various locations*)

- Number Theory I
- Abstract Algebra I
- Geometry I
- Analysis I
- Analysis/History of Mathematics
- Differential Equations I
- Graph Theory I
- Game Theory I
- Statistics I
- Computer Science
- Quantum Logic & Computing
- Applied Mathematics IA
- Applied Mathematics IB

-11:05-12:05- Welcome and Invited Address

Title: Chaos Games and Fractal Images

Speaker: Dr. Robert Devaney, Boston University

-12:15-1:50- Lunch (McEwen)

-2:00-2:55- Session II talks (see above- various locations*)

-3:00-3:30- Coffee Break (Commons)

-3:40-4:55- Session III talks (see above- various locations*)

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N.Y. earthquake measures 5.1 on Richter Scale

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causing up to two-dozen moderate earthquakes per year.

With two dozen or more earthquakes a year, the truth of the matter, Revetta says, is that earthquakes in New York go largely unnoticed due to their magnitude. "People don't realize it because the real big ones that everyone is aware of don't occur that often," said Revetta. "When people don't feel them, they are not aware of them, and that means they don't happen, right?"

Another difference exists between the recorded earthquakes of the West and the one that occurred last week: Saturday's earthquake originated less than three miles under the surface of the earth's crust. In California and Japan, where one plate is being pushed under another, earthquakes start as deep as 370 miles below the surface.

The largest earthquake recorded in New York, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, was a quake that measured 5.8 in intensity. The quake, which occurred in 1944, was centered in Massena, about three miles from the Canadian border. Quakes of this magnitude, though rare in this region of the U.S., have the potential to occur just as often as smaller quakes. "We have noticed that we aren't having as many earthquakes as we used to have. It's not a good thing," Revetta said. "Think about a spring that hasn't sprung for awhile."

This picture captures the enormity of the destruction caused by the earthquake last Saturday morning in Plattsburgh, New York.

Mathematics Conference Hamilton College student presentations

10:00- Root 310

Kristin Schaefer '02: "An Exploration of Simpon's Paradox"

10:20- Root 310

Laura Doucette '02: "The Space Shuttle Challenger's Disaster: Could it have been prevented?"

10:20- Benedict 201

Ryan Thorpe '02: "Evaluation Functionals: Are they continuous?"

10:40- Benedict 104

David Kolb '02: "What Groups can be represented as Automorphism Groups?"

Features

Hike for Life: Fighting a battle that affects all

by Beth Scagnelli '04
FEATURES WRITER

This Sunday, April 28, the fourth annual AIDS Hike for Life will be held here at Hamilton. The Hike is a 5K walk that raises money for AIDS Community Resources of central, northern, and the Mohawk Valley areas of New York. The funds raised are used to support HIV-positive individuals, their friends, and their families. The sponsors offer incentives to encourage people to take part in the walk; as the amount of money a participant raises increases, so does the level of his reward. For example, a person who raises $150 receives a bistro mug, while anyone who raises $500 or more receives a sweatshirt or a $25 gift certificate and is entered the raffle for one round trip airline ticket to anywhere in the country.

However, while these are all somewhat swaying incentives, the real reasons that most people choose to walk are to help the 21,900 people who are living with AIDS in upstate New York and to raise awareness about the disease. Many of the participants also have more personal reasons to walk, while others simply want to aid others in need. "I have not personally lost someone close to me to AIDS," says co-chair Ginny Berg '02, "but I have met people living with HIV, and I think that AIDS holds personal significance [for] me because of how closely I have worked to promote the event. Just publishing statistic after statistic and promoting AIDS education gives AIDS personal significance; I realize that this disease affects more women than men in the world, and [that] the rate of infection is highest among people 18-24."

Assistant Director of the Career Center Jeannine Murtaugh comments on AIDS and the hike, "This is the most devastating disease ever to hit mankind. It's exciting that we can bring into awareness of the campus and community around us, and make it a joint effort to fight against a disease that every minute 1 young person under 18 is being affected by."

Last year, $29,000 was raised by the AIDS Hike, and this year's expected participation and donations are steadily pushing toward the monetary goal of $30,000. President of Lauren Reynolds '02 comments on participation in previous Hikes, "In the past we've had between [400 to 500-plus] people attend the Hike — and this year we're hoping for more, as our publicity efforts have dramatically increased."

Various groups and departments are putting together teams for Sunday's Hike. For example, teams are expected from ATX and other Greek societies, sports teams, CAB, the Career Center, the class of 2002, academic departments, and *The Spectator*.

However, while participation has been high in the past and continues to be for the 2002 AIDS Hike, many students are concerned that the Hike might conflict with the Housing Lottery, also to be held this Sunday. Berg responds, "Unfortunately, this is the second year in a row that the Hike and the Lottery fall on the same [day]. We hope to avoid this in the future, but for this year, [rising] seniors and juniors are not affected by the time of the Hike, and participation is expected to exceed all previous years."

Reynolds confirms, "It would obviously help if [the two] weren't [on] the same day, but because the Hike starts at 11:00 a.m., few people are really affected by it. Also, many people who can't walk are still able to contribute financially, and because the Hike runs through Beinecke, people at the Housing Lottery [will be] able to see the support from the community."

Other would-be participants might be deterred by the fact that they feel that they are not very athletic and, consequently believe that the Hike is not for them. However, the reality is that the Hike is geared for everyone, from members of the track team to the most casual walker. "The Hike is geared toward everyone," says Reynolds. "You can go at your own pace, and the course itself is beautiful — it winds through the Glen and around campus, which is great for members of the community who don't visit often."

"I recommend the Hike to everyone at Hamilton," comments Berg. "It is probably the single college event here that includes everyone connected to Hamilton, and it is on a beautiful day in the spring. It is for an excellent, needy cause, and everyone who participates is guaranteed to feel better about themselves after the Hike is over. The Hike is absolutely for anyone. It is for walkers as well as joggers, and even if you cannot walk at all, you can still raise money and promote the event itself."

Reynolds reminisces, "There are so many great aspects of the Hike — but my favorite is the general atmosphere on campus that day. Everyone is genuinely excited about it, and Minor Field is bumping with music and very diverse crowds, brought together to help a common cause. It's very convenient to be able to help the community without having to leave your own backyard."

Berg urges people to participate. "The Hike is valuable to Hamilton because it gets us involved in the Mohawk Valley community on a large scale [since the Hike] draws so much attention to the local effects of the virus. It also gives the larger community an opportunity to visit Hamilton and see how beautiful the campus is. Because this event is growing in popularity, it fosters a sense of community among students, faculty, and the people of Clinton. And it helps to raise awareness about AIDS, as well as enthusiasm about fighting the battle against it."

Murtaugh comments, "I think bringing this most important issue into awareness on a college campus, and secondly, bringing outside communities to Hamilton's campus. It's a tribute to the college that we are the local college that sponsors an event helping to fight AIDS and HIV. We're honored by having Pres. Tobin as our honorary chairperson. He's a staunch supporter of this event. He said, 'The AIDS Hike is one of the very best things the college does for the community.'"

Although difficult, the battle against the AIDS virus does not have to be a losing one. By participating in events such as the AIDS Hike, or by donating to organizations like AIDS Community Resources, people can help researchers come closer to discovering a cure. Charity functions like the Hike also help support HIV-positive individuals and their families and friends. The AIDS Hike at Hamilton will be held this Sunday, the 28th, at 11:00 a.m., with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m.

One man's Bundy is another man's palace

Housing options examined by first-hand sources in anticipation of the deadly deadline

by Alexandra Sear '05
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Well, it's that time of year again, the annual trauma known as the housing lottery, where friendships are made and broken, fates are decided, and rooming choices are made while battling the hangover after Gin and Juice. To make everyone's (or at least those with decent numbers) decisions a little easier, I decided to ask a few random people what they thought of where they lived, and why they live there. As a rising sophomore with not too much experience and Bundy probably in my future, I decided to take their word for it.

Dark Side: Minor/Major/McIntosh: cookie-cutter copies of each other, good for a quiet single and bonding time with freshmen. Long walk to the library, but better than Bundy for that 8:30 a.m. class in KJ. Root: Substance free, like DKE (though some freshmen are here by their parents' request, not their own choice...). By all accounts it's not as quiet as you'd think, though that could also be due to the day care center on the first floor. Keehn: Cooperative, be ready to cook or pull your own weight. It's also known for a good sense of community, and there's that rebate check at the end of the year... which brings us to the suites, which some call the lighter side of the dark side. A popular choice, and the best bet if you want to live amongst the most friends, though you might end up with some random sophomores in the double. Krystyn Schmerbeck says, "The best thing about Babbitt is its proximity to Cafe Opus and the (almost) unlimited possibilities for caffeination opportunities! The worst thing about Babbitt is the size of the doubles in the end suites (20, 30, 19, 29, 39) — they are smaller than all of the other dark side doubles, so make sure if you plan to live in one of those doubles that you really like your roommate! Bottom line: Babbitt is an awesome place to live as long as you have suitemates who respect your sleep patterns most of the time!

Crossing Martin's way brings us past the Farmhouse (seniors in the single digits, enough said...). Saunders: some doubles, I've never been there, but people who live there like it. Saunders goes along with Wally J and Rogers as the smallest dorms on campus, though Rogers has the added pull of seclusion if you're sick of campus (though you'd better have a car). Dunham has more upperclassmen than it seems in the midst of the freshmen in quads and two-room doubles. Senior Greg Weyer had some interesting thoughts on why he chose to spend his last year at Hamilton with first-years: "Everybody thinks I am weird for saying it, but I love Dunham. I had #42 in last year's rising senior lottery, and I used it to pull the 2nd floor "dog run," I have never regretted it. Sure, Dunham smells, and there were those fire alarms early last semester, and I got robbed three times, and it's obnoxiously loud at times, but it's still been worth it. Just think about it: freshmen are the least bitter people on this campus every year...do you need another reason to want to live in Dunham?" If the dog run isn't your style and you'd like some light-side privacy, North and Kirkland are possibilities for pulling a random single. Becky Phillip transferred here this semester and lives in Kirkland, "It's quiet which is great when I have work; my single is just the right size for me, and I'm not complaining. I can say that the bathrooms need help-- they basically are gross, but not unbearable. Everyone on the hall is cool. It's social, but there aren't any parties, so it's never rowdy." Griffin Road is popular with juniors, and the idea of four singles with your own kitchen and bathroom is pretty appealing, though you had better like who you're living with. It's no farther away from campus than Bundy. Bundy, yes, Bundy, where every freshman says he doesn't want to live and then ends up loving it. Megan Drumm does, anyway. "The singles are huge (and the doubles aren't too bad either), so it's a fairly good deal as a sophomore. It's also really nice if you get a pull with your friends, because then you are there with people you already know. Bundy West is also smoke- free, so that is a nice option for some people (especially if you are like me and are allergic to smoke). It's also nice and close to Bundy parties, so you can run over without coats in the middle of winter and not have to worry about getting frostbite like the rest of the people who have to hike down and back up the hill. The downside is the fact that it is a downhill walk for one (and it is a long walk, especially when it is cold out), and if you live in Bundy West on the side closest to College Hill Rd. you get to hear the crew team practicing, and they can make it hard to nap or do work in the afternoon. Construction on Chi Psi was also a bit noisy early in the morning, but that won't be a problem for people next year. Also, the bathrooms are coed, which I know can be awkward for some people (although you get used to it really quickly). AD (Eels), DU (Ferguson), and TDX (Woollcott) are brand new, have gorgeous views, and are where everyone on campus wants to live... but as Paul Belonic'02 who was lucky enough to pull the faculty apartment in Eels, says, "It's great, but good luck getting in."

You are what you eat: Students dish about the hottest Commons's creations on their forks

by Tracy Glass '04
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The aftermath of this article may cause dawdling in Commons. Drooling may begin around the fourth paragraph, making comprehension of the fifth impossible. Consider yourself forewarned.

Creativity in Commons has become not only a trend, but a way of life. Chopping up grilled chicken and carrying it to other stations has taken on the status of bottled water. If you're still carrying a full tray from the encased entrees, consider yourself in the ranks of those who are still hyped out about spinning classes. You know you are.

Here are a list of recipes whose ingredients can be found on an average day in Commons. None of these recipes work at 10:50 a.m. when the bagel brigade is held up by the girl who makes everyone wait while she perfects the Zen garden of her cream cheese on the bagel. These are for when you have five extra minutes.

BRUSCHETTA Everyone cuts off the exposed part of the bread loaves in order to get themselves fresh slices. These stale pieces are perfect for brushetta. Coat these slices with oil (at salad dressing station) and garlic (from the guy at pasta creations, or powdered above the pizza) and let sit. Chop up cherry tomatoes or tomato slices and grilled onion, place in bowl. Add oil and vinegar, and salt and pepper. Pour over bread. Versions: Some people like to add capers (if at the bagel station) or chopped up pieces of cheese.

HONEY MUSTARD TURKEY SANDWICH. Cut off two thick slices of bread from fresh loaves. Coat insides of slices with honey mustard salad dressing. Then layer up, in order, cheese slices, turkey, mescaline lettuce leaves, onion, and tomato. Put in sandwich grill on low setting until cheese has melted.

CHICKEN QUESADILLA. Get grilled chicken and cut up. Take two tortillas, or one folded, spread chicken pieces inside. Place slices of cheese in. Put in sandwich grill on low and let cheese melt. Remove and cut into triangular pieces. Put fresh salsa on plate. Dip in and enjoy. Variations: with chopped tomatoes, chilies, black olives, sour cream, guacamole, bell peppers, turkey or beef, or even ham.

PIZZA VARIATION: Cheese in a tortilla folded in half, marinara drizzled on top.

WARM GRAPENUTS. Fill bowl with grapenuts cereal and milk. Place in microwave for 1 minute 30 seconds. Watch to ensure it does not boil over. Add brown sugar and raisins.

ICE CREAM SANDWICH. Take two big cookies of choice. Take one massive scoop of favorite ice cream. Place scoop between cookies. Put tons of sprinkles or chocolate sprinkles onto a plate and roll the exposed ice cream in the topping.

FOR WHEN THEY HAVE ONION SOUP. It's a rare occasion, but they sometimes do, and then this one is a treat. The onion soup they have is a broth loaded with onion. Make it French onion soup. Get some of that stale bread again and crumble a bit up into pieces, then place them in the bottom of a bowl. Pour in some onion-loaded soup. Place one or two pieces of cheese on top, and head over to the microwave. Cook on high for 1 minute 30 seconds, or until cheese has melted.

BLEU CHEESE SANDWICH. This one is extremely rich, and you need to love bleu cheese. It's also best when Commons has bacon bits at the salad bar. Slice off two pieces of fresh bread. Coat inside lightly with bleu cheese salad dressing and crumbly bleu cheese. Add bacon if it's there. Turkey. Lettuce. Tomato. Onion. Whatever you want. Place in grill. Bleu cheese melts.

BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE. Not my favorite. Very simple. I see many people do this already. Take steamed broccoli from the salad bar, place slice of favorite cheese on top, and place in microwave for 40 seconds. Some people rave, some people hate.

TIME TAKEN SALAD. This is not a recipe, but rather a list of things not immediately at the salad bar that go well in some salads. Raisins (by the cereal), grilled chicken (at the grill), nuts (sometimes by the ice cream toppings), orange segments (oranges are around), granola, grape nuts, different cheeses (by the sandwiches), sandwich meats, calmata olives (by those new wraps), hot dogs (just making sure you were paying attention), and apple.

VEGGIE BURGER SANDWICH. Sarah Lichtenstein '02, and Alex Geertz '04 contributed this recipe. take Oat bread, or whole wheat. Spread bread with mustard. Put on a garden burger. Add roasted red pepper, tomatoes, cheese (munster or provolone), and spinach. "We've converted many people to our specialty," says Lichtenstein.

FRESH RICE CRISPY TREATS. Chris Dunn '05 says, "I get marshmallows from the hot chocolate area and put them in a cup in the microwave." He heats them up for about 30 seconds, and then adds Rice Krispies. This mixture comes out warm and gooey. "I make different variations... I'll add in ButterFinger crunch or whatever from the ice cream toppings."

BANANA DESSERT. Chantelle Rein '03 says, "I melt chocolate chips in the microwave and dip in slices of banana. It's really good."

DESSERT BURRITO. Chantelle Rein, '03. "I take a burrito and put butter on it, then stick it in the microwave to let the butter melt. I sprinkle on cinnamon sugar from the bagel station and roll it up. I eat it like a burrito. But I should give credit where it's due; Deenah taught me to do that."

TOMATO, TUNA, AND PROTEIN EXTRAVAGANZA. Jessalyn Geller '04 says, "Four or five sliced tomatoes on a plate, tuna from the salad bar put across all of them. Red onion, not white. Corn or sprouts. Drizzle any type of dressing: Italian, Balsamic vinegar. If you like, you can add

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Scott and Cindy Siddon receive Humane Organization's Special Achievement Award for dedication to improving the lives of needy animals

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FEATURES EDITOR

"We're pleased, and we're shocked. But the whole thing is not about us, it is about the greyhounds. Winning this is a great opportunity to get more information about our work and the organization to the campus and to people in the community," said Assistant Athletic Trainer Scott Siddon. Recently, the Hamilton Humane Organization honored Scott and his wife Cindy by awarding them the Hamilton Humane Organization Special Achievement Award. In describing the criteria for the winner, Publicity Coordinator Elizabeth Evans '02 explained, "This award is annually given to the person or people who demonstrate the greatest commitment to improving the lives of animals in need and who demonstrate outstanding treatment of animals." Evans enthusiastically addressed the Siddons' qualifications in saying," We received a record number of nominations for the award [this year] and the decision was very difficult, but we felt the Siddons exemplified the spirit of the award through both their dedication to Greyhound Acres Rescue and Adoption (GARA) program and the Clinton Veterinary Hospital and their care of needy animals in their home. Their commitment to animals in need is truly outstanding. Through these efforts, they have made a wonderful contribution to the community." The Siddons' were treated to a dinner paid for by the organization at Giorgio's in Utica and received a plaque for these accomplishments.

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Assistant Athletic Trainer Scott Siddons and his wife Cindy were awarded for their efforts in providing loving homes for retired Greyhound racing dogs.

Although he explained that his initial involvement in animal care was "all his wife's doing," Siddon is clearly passionately devoted to saving the lives of greyhounds and improving their quality of life. The couple's involvement began in 1999 when Cindy saw an advertisement about an adoption group and decided to volunteer. Cindy now serves as the Volunteer Coordinator of GARA. In addition, Cindy's animal-friendly action extends to her work at the Clinton Veterinary Hospital.

Her husband volunteers on a weekly basis. Describing himself as the "web geek," Siddon told me that his principal contributions to the organization are developing the their web site (http://greyhound-acres.com), putting together the newsletter, and working on other publicity tasks. Greyhound Acres Rescue and Adoption program is located on 9181 Red Hill Road in New Hartford and, according to their brochure (which Scott designed!), they are "dedicated to finding loving and responsible adoptive homes for retired racing greyhounds."

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Doc, who suffered a broken leg after years of racing, was adopted by the Siddon family. He now enjoys the newfound glories of squeaky toys and plenty of personal space.

Although the statistics and opinions as presented on *greyhoundracingsucks.com* are clearly biased, Siddon confirms the reality of the abuse of animals in dog racing. Presently, 16 states across the nation allow dog racing, according to the web site. On average, racing dogs are forced to retire once they reach three to five years of age, when their competitive edge begins to wane. Once their careers have ended, track organizations no longer have use for them. In 2000, according to the web site, an estimated 34,126 greyhound puppies were born. Of those, 19,126 were killed once they could no longer competitively race. Through the gruesome process of disposal, death is accomplished by a variety of means. Historically, some methods have included sale/donation to medical research, abandonment (often muzzled), sale to racing interests in Third World countries, and most commonly, euthanasia. Siddon acknowledged that some volunteers at the organization actively protest against the legality of the industry, but he acknowledges that he and others must maintain good relationships with track employees in order to ensure that their discarded dogs can be rescued. He commented, "It defeats our purpose to just get mad, because then we can't get the greyhounds that we want to help." He also pointed out that the kennels of tracks vary in the quality of their treatment of their dogs, some taking good care of their dogs.

However, even if the kennel is committed to taking good care of their dogs, the lifestyle of the racing greyhound is often physically debilitating and inherently unhealthy. Siddon confirmed the commonality of greyhounds with broken legs and sprained ankles because of the angle at which they run around the track and the result of this accumulated stress on this area of their body. In addition, many dogs are not fed very well, usually eating only a low-grade hamburger throughout their lives. The absence of hard food often prevents them from developing strong teeth, which causes further problems later in life, he said. Also, kennel environments (the effect of having so many animals in such close proximity) exacerbate the spread of fleas, ticks, and other mites. Siddon remarked that even flea baths do not completely eliminate the little critters. He said, "When we are preparing the dogs for their transition into adoptive homes, we go over them with a fine toothed comb, and somehow we still find some residual stuff." The dogs are kept in small crates for as much as 23 hours of the day, so they are not as energetic as other breeds during their initial introduction into home environments.

According to Evans, in its three years of work GARA has saved the lives of over 130 greyhounds by transporting them from the tracks and placing them in happy homes. The non-profit organization is run by two local individuals, Shaun Edwards and Marc Del Buono, who currently house dogs that are awaiting placement in a barn-like structure in their backyard. Because of the limited amount of space and resources, GARA can only house between 10-13 dogs at any time. Most of the dogs come from Seabrook Racetrack in New Hampshire, since dog racing is illegal in New York state. Although GARA does not have to pay for the dogs they take, they do face expensive medical procedures to ensure the dogs are healthy and suitable for adoption.

The care of the dogs is done entirely by volunteers. Siddon mentioned that representatives of the organization frequently buy the supplies for the dogs since they do not receive independent funding. Fortunately, they do receive a cut-rate for spading and neutering from veterinary hospitals because of the frequency of the services they require each year. The main sources of funding are donations received during meet-and-greet events and donations from various area organizations. It's also the little things that count, as Siddon mentioned, and he and others are grateful for frequent random donations of 20 lb bags of food and other supplies. The brochure urges community members who cannot adopt greyhounds to donate high demand items such as vet wrap, Purina One Lamb and Rice food, and vanilla cheweez to help enable the organization to continue their good work.

In talking about the adoptive process, Siddon confirmed that for the most part the system is the same as in animal pounds. In order to qualify as a potential adoptive family, interested individuals must fill out a form, pass a background check, and interview with the representatives about their past and current pets and pet care practices. With a smile Siddon mentioned that in addition to the formal requirements of the process, the matchmaking of dog with owner is an intricate and amusing process. He said that it is necessary to "get a good feel for everyone's personalities, and then to see who bonds with who." The goal of the process is to ensure that the animal is placed in a safe and responsible environment and to make all efforts to limit the number of places the animal must adjust to. In some cases, individuals who are willing to be a foster parent (involving care for the dog for 2-3 weeks) are sought. Siddon commented, "They really are pretty adaptable, but we just want to limit the amount of stress [they endure]."

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So what are greyhounds really like, anyway? Bearing on his experience, Siddon characterized the breed as "gentle and quite low maintenance once you get them into a routine." With a smile of familiarity, Siddon said, "It's actually funny, because they are often called 40 mph couch potatoes. This is because they are trained to

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Dog racing is only legal in 16 states due to concerns about animal abuse. GARA aims to rescue dogs whose lives would have otherwise ended along with their racing careers.

Creative cuisine

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cucumbers, but you have to take off the skin, so it's a pain."

BAGEL PIZZA. Tonya Namad '05 says she makes her own "bagel pizzaswith hollowed out bagels." I would assume she pulls the filling from the bagel, which I do see some do,. fills it with maranara, and places cheese on top. Melt the cheese in the microwave. Variations might be to take grilled veggies from the sandwich station or any other pizza toppings you love.

ICED COFFEE. Stacy Stump '02 says she makes "ice coffee often." This drink has the potential to be extremely watered down. I suggest letting the coffee sit before pouring it over ice and having room temperature watered down coffee.

ROOT BEER FLOAT. Root beer from the soda fountain, vanilla from the ice cream fridge. An old- time, never- fail, favorite.

GREEK CHICKEN PITA. lightly messier than the rest. Take grilled chicken breast from grill and cube up. Cut up sliced bell pepper and some onion. Get some feta cheese and mix together. Mix in a bit of mayo and a little balsamic vinegar. Now add a handful of alfalfa sprouts and stuff it into a pita. If there are nuts or oregano, it adds punch. You might think "honestly-- who has the time," but honestly, some do.

BREAD DIPPER. Make a small snack by dipping bread in different dressings. Mix balsamic vinegar with oil, put in some garlic, salt, and pepper, and enjoy the utter simplicity. Try oil, grated cheese, and salt. Try oil and blue cheese. Or feta, lemon juice, and oil. Only for the purist.

TUNA MELT WITH BITE. The tuna melt is nothing new. A bagel with melted cheese and a scoop of tuna. Some add tomato. Try this version: Tuna, hardboiled egg, jalapeno pepper (no, actually they sometimes do), onion, and Monterey jack cheese all on soft fresh bread rather than a bagel. Just an idea.

ROAST BEEF SANDWICH. Fresh bread. Go ahead and cut off those stale ends; the bruschetta people will thank you. Mayo, mustard. Or just honey mustard. Roasted red peppers. Monterey Jack cheese, roast beef, and spinach. Grill it up.

FLUFFER-NUTTER. Okay, fine, but just not in front of me. Marshmallows and a little butter in a cup and into the microwave. 30 or 40 seconds should do the trick. Pour onto one side of white bread. Spread the other piece with peanut butter. Put together and enjoy like you are five years old.

APPLE CHICKEN SALAD. Cut up an apple. Cut up some grilled chicken. Chopped celery. Some raisins. Nuts if they are there. Brown sugar. Italian dressing.

VERMONT MAPLE FLOAT. Cup of milk. Stir in maple syrup. Add a scoop of ice cream. One cup, two straws, and tell your kids about when you met in Commons.

BANANA COTTAGE CHEESE Breakfast. Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, or whole wheat. Toasted in the toaster. Slice up a banana, place on top of the bagel, spread on cottage cheese. Sprinkle with that cinnamon sugar shaker about the cream cheese. Low fat. Variation: whole wheat toast with banana mush and sprinkled with cinnamon sugar.

BANANA WHAT? Heather Pratt '04 swears by her sandwich creation. She takes "whole wheat bread and mashed banana on top of it, drizzled on honey...and sometimes puts potato chips too." She eats it like a sandwich.

CHEESE. John Beach '05 looked like he was making a creation by the sandwich area, so I approached him with my pad and pen. I told him I was writing an article for the Spec and was wondering if he had any special recipes. He replied, "I take cheese..." I wrote quickly anticipating he'd rattle the recipe off quickly, like everyone else, thinking he takes cheese and melts it over....he takes cheese and chops up...nope. He just takes cheese. He takes handfuls of cheese back to his room and makes grilled cheese there. By far my most favorite response.

HANGOVER HELPER. Sunday morning favorite. White bread with your favorite cheese and a heap of scrambled eggs. Garlic powder, salt, pepper, and whatever else they have that won't spill all over the sandwich press, you drunk. Bacon, cut-up sausage, chili peppers.

GRILLED CHEESE VARIATION. White bread, favorite cheese, and steamed broccoli, with garlic and oil in there too. Try grilled cheese with tomato. And, when they have it, grilled cheese and bacon. Grilled ham and cheese.

POOR EXCUSE FOR A TACO. Mash up a hamburger, place in tortilla. Load up with hot sauce, fresh salsa, tomatoes, chilies, onion, lettuce, garlic powder, and salt. Whatever you can stomach.

GRILLED CHICKEN PARM. Toast the bun. Don't even bother to cut up the chicken. Pour on some marinara (by the pasta guy or in the case) and throw on a slab or two of cheese. Put the chicken, the sauce, and the cheese on a plate in the microwave until cheese melts. Put on bun and enjoy.

HONEY MUSTARD PASTA. Pasta from the case, diced chicken, diced tomatoes, honey mustard salad dressing. Simple, tasty, and it seems the honey mustard dressing is very popular on things other than salad.

MEDITERRANEAN TUNA SANDWICH. Slice off some of that fresh bread again and drench in oil and vinegar. Put on sliced onion, tuna from the salad bar, capers (sometimes by the bagels), Kalamata olives, tomatoes, and mesculin greens. Careful, it's messy.

THE JUSTIN DECKER. My roommate's boyfriend swears by this. She admits to indulging in it and loving every bite. White bread, toast, spread with peanut butter, with four strips of bacon. Serve hot and gooey. I've heard others rave too.

GREEK BURGER. In a cup put some butter, some oil, and some garlic from the pasta guy and heat up in the microwave until the butter melts. Cut up a burger and head over to the salad bar. Grab feta cheese and lettuce. At the sandwich station get grilled onion and tomato. Stuff this all into a pita and drizzle in that hot oily butter and garlic mixture. I found this recipe online.

GARLIC BREAD. Most people love garlic bread but are lazy and wait for Bon Appetit to make it for them. Take the initiative. Fresh bread. Butter and garlic from the pasta guy in a cup heated in the microwave. Drizzle over the toasted bread. You may want to melt some cheese on also.

GREEK SALAD. Iceberg lettuce. Feta cheese. Cucumber, onions, olives, green peppers, capers. Drizzle with oil and vinegar. Salt and pepper to taste.

ROASTED RED PEPPER CHEESE TOAST. Toast whole wheat bread. Drizzle with oil and vinegar, place one slice of cheese, and several roasted red peppers on top. Place in microwave until cheese melts. Create your own variations.

CHOCOLATE BUTTER. Butter and chocolate chips in a cup, melted in the microwave. Spread onto english muffins, toast, or bagels. Very foreign. Quite Americanized, but hey, we have limited resources.

SUMMER CHICKEN SALAD. Chopped up grilled chicken, grapes, chopped up celery. Nuts. Salt Pepper. Mayo. Honey mustard salad dressing. You might add apple slices too, but that takes time in Commons with those butter knives.

PASTA SALAD. Your mother probably brings something similar to luncheons, perhaps you're old enough to want some. Pasta (corkscrew is best) chopped up red peppers, chopped green peppers, olives, chunks of provolone, chunks of salami, some kind of protein filled bean from the salad bar. Salt. Pepper. Italian dressing.

SALAD NICOISE. Allie Manly '04 "made this a lot last semester. Spinach, green beans, tomato, kalmata olives, egg, potatoes if they have them, tuna, and balsamic vinaigrette."

RUSTIC TUSCAN SALAD. Toast rye bread and fresh bread and cube up onto a plate. Add steamed broccoli, halved cherry tomatoes, red onions, and red and green peppers. Add parmesan cheese. (Actually, I haven't seen fresh parm, but dry is by the pizza: you can substitute other cheeses.) Oil, vinegar, salt, pepper, and a little garlic from the pasta guy. The pasta guy is ready to kill me by this time, I'm sure.

STALE BREAD SALAD. Break stale bread into chunks, drizzle with balsamic vinegar and oil. Chopp tomatoes, cucumbers, and chunks of your favorite cheese. Add some Italian dressing or just more vinegar. Tons of salt and pepper. Divine simplicity.

SPINACH SALAD. Most people know this one, but I'm putting it in. Works best on the rare occasion of bacon bits at the salad bar. Spinach. Mozzarella. Bacon. Hard boiled egg, honey mustard dressing. This is the simplest version. Many people like onion and mushroom, or more adventurous cheeses. Or a lighter Salad dressing. Some like croutons. Be adventurous and then sneer at the girl with the iceberg.

Rescuing Greyhounds

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run for such short periods of time and then are restrained to their crates. Many people assume they will be good jogging partners, but this isn't always true; with training it can happen."

Some of the basic aspects of a typical dog's life will also be unfamiliar to the greyhound because of his early upbringing. For example, Siddon mentioned, "It is interesting to see how they will react to a squeak toy because they haven't had one before. In addition, you have to teach them how to do stairs, because they have never encountered them in a kennel." Their early rearing also produces a potentially dangerous situation for the dogs, Siddon tells us: since they have always been in enclosed areas, they tend to chase anything they encounter. They have a strong tendency to chase squirrels and moving paper bags, and they can get hurt in the process. Siddon points out that sometimes they come back, but other times, tragically, they never return.

The Siddon family practices what they preach: compassion for animals in need. They are the proud owners of three Labrador Retrievers, one of whom has only three legs, and one greyhound named Doc (see photo). Doc became a member of the Siddon family after breaking his leg at the track and becoming available for adoption. Scott and Cindy continue to care for him throughout his orthopedic struggles. The prophetic words of Gandhi appear to sum up the vision of GARA and the spirit that the Siddon family embodies, as demonstrated by its inclusion in the brouchre: "The greatness of the nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

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The lifestyle of the racing greyhound is often physically debilitating and inherently unhealthy. They often suffer from broken legs and sprained ankles, because of the angle at which they run around the track and the result of this accumulated stress on this area of their body. In addition, the absence of hard food often prevents them from developing strong teeth, which causes further problems later in life.

Siddon welcomes Hamilton volunteers next fall, mentioning that new ideas are always beneficial, and help with fundraisers and daily maintenance would also be appreciated. If interested in helping, please see organization contact information on page 15. GARA is hopeful they will have the funding necessary to build the main structure of a new center this summer. The new center would allow the organization to expand its facilities and thus save the lives of more greyhounds in need.

Arts & Entertainment

"Hey, have you ever heard of *Guster*?"

Megan Drumm '04 gets up close and personal with Ryan Miller of Guster.

Phantom Planet, Howie Day, and *Guster* performed Wednesday, April 24th, to an energetic crowd at the Stanley Performing Arts Center in Utica. All three were well received, particularly in the last song, a collaborative cover of Andrew W.K.'s "Party Hard." *Phantom Planet* was also kind enough to invite everyone to The Village Tavern to get up close and personal with all three groups. But for those of you who were not of age and could not spend some quality time with your favorite groups, *The Spectator* decided to give you a chance to get up close and personal with *Guster*'s lead singer Ryan Miller.

I stopped by the Stanley a few hours before the show, and after a brief glance behind the scenes at what it takes to set up a concert, I met with Ryan. We walked to a local diner so he could grab some food, and then we sat down to discuss *Guster*'s past, future, the new album, and the college tour. For those of you who don't know, the Guster boys met at Tufts University Freshmen Orientation in 1991. After discussing their high school bands and love for music, they form the band *GUS* (changed to *Guster* in 1995). They have since recorded three albums (*Parachute*, *Goldfly*, and *Lost & Gone Forever*), toured with such major names as *Barenaked Ladies* (their favorite band to tour with), and are currently working on their fourth album. I asked Ryan what we could expect from it. While the band has "finished" recording the album, Ryan said that he expects that they will go back into the studio after the college tour ends and rework a lot of it. "I think we are going to go back and do some more work. We kind of rushed at the end. We ran out of time because we started this tour," Ryan says. And with the expansion of their style, it's hard to imagine how they could have finished the new album in only three months. Ryan said that the new album is a step away from the traditional *Guster* sound. It was a way for the trio to move forward and experiment with their music. "I think it's pretty different. I think it sounds like our band, still a little bit. We changed a lot of the ways we make sound. It's a lot more texture, it has a lot more depth to it, it's a lot more subtle, I think. It's not as dramatic. It sounds more like an indie-rock record in a lot of ways." The new album uses a lot of instruments that we haven't seen in the past as a way to further expand the band's sound. They wanted the album to be something very different from the previous three albums and to be able to show the diversity of their talents and sounds. "We wanted to expand the palate that we can paint the colors with on the record." Since this new sound may make it more difficult to do songs in concert, Ryan says that members of the band are actually considering adding a new member to the group in order to incorporate the new sounds fully. "Some of [the songs] are more suited to a trio, but we're probably going to bring a fourth guy out this summer, just to kind of have around to maybe play the bass, maybe play keyboard, maybe sing; just kind of be around [for songs that we need another person for]." Because the band plans on doing more work on the album between the spring tour and their summer tour, the album release will likely be pushed back until late August or the fall.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK WICKMAN '02

Brian Rosenworcel and Ryan Miller of *Guster*, who performed last night in Utica for more than 1500 spectators, including 500 Hamilton College students

Having taken a year off to relax and begin recording their album, *Guster* was a little out of practice touring. As a result, they decided to do a college tour as a way to ease back into things. Ryan says, "This tour was basically about just kind of figuring out how to tour again, because we took a year off. It's a low-pressure way for us to go back to the places that support us. College campuses are where a lot of our fans come from. It's a tour for us to get our sea legs back." Hamilton College was one of the lucky schools able to book *Guster* for a show, which the guys were excited about. *Guster* had performed about two years ago on campus with Ben Harper, and they were happy to come back. Ryan thought that the Stanley was a beautiful venue and was thrilled to be able to play there, but was slightly disappointed that they were unable to play at the college. "I'm really psyched about this venue. I'm excited, but I'm a little sad that we're not playing on campus." When I explained that the campus had felt that we did not have a large enough venue to house them, Ryan sympathized. He said that he was happy to be able to play in a theater like the Stanley, rather than a gymnasium or other such area because the Stanley has a good vibe and sound quality. He also gave me the breaking news that *Guster* would be doing a two-month tour with John Mayer. He said it would most likely consist of 40 or 50 dates across the country, and they would be performing in large venues. Since their new album will not be released yet, it will be a low-pressure tour for *Guster*, and they will be able to throw their weight behind John Mayer. Dates will be released shortly, and you can continue to check for those at www.guster.com.

For those of you lucky enough to be able to hang out with the boys at the VT the other night and were maybe wondering if Ryan was hitting on you, you probably were if he came up to you and gave you his favorite pickup line, "Hey, have you ever heard of *Guster*?"

Stephen Michael Newby to Perform Free Concert at Hamilton College

Clinton, NY -Composer and vocalist Stephen Michael Newby present a free concert featuring a suite for string quartet and baritone on Wednesday, May 1, at 8 p.m. in Café Opus at the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts at Hamilton College. Also featured in the concert will be the string compositions of Hamilton College music professor "Doctuh" Mike Woods. These compositions will be performed by a string quartet from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

Composer, conductor, gospel/jazz vocalist, and pianist Stephen Michael Newby is a native of Detroit, Michigan. His compositions have earned him awards such as the Continental Harmony 2000 for Newport, RI, a National Endowment for the Arts Grant; The King County Arts Commission of Washington Grant (1995-96); and the Distinguished Dissertation of the Year Award at the University of Michigan.

PERFORMING ARTS

Stephen Michael Newby will perform in Cafe Opus this Wednesday.

Newby's compositions draw from many different styles and backgrounds, including West African, Western European jazz, and gospel.

In addition to live performances, Newby has completed several recording projects. His first CD, *Share The News* is a contemporary, sacred musical montage of genres within the gospel, blues, Latin, and jazz performing practices. His "Gospel Songs for Baritone and String Orchestra" was released on Albany Records in 2001.

This concert is the last in a series sponsored by the class of 1949 Endowment Fund. This event is free and open to the public and will be held in Café Opus. For more information, call the Hamilton College Performing Arts Box Office at 859-4331.

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The Movie Page

Murder by Numbers is inventive

Darcy Lewis '02 reviews the latest Sandra Bullock film...

In a world where a movie like *The Scorpion King* is number one at the box office, anything goes. Rarely do movies combine just the right elements of all the different genres open to films. Often times the main themes of the film are lost in the shuffle, and so it is with the new Sandra Bullock thriller *Murder by Numbers*. God bless Bullock for trying to tackle new roles, but a word of advice to her: make sure you pick a good script first. It is hard to make this film live up to its commit-the-perfect-murder predecessors, most notably Alfred Hitchcock's Rope (arguably one of Hitchcock's best). But the film does take a stab at it, concentrating on revealing the true nature of each of the characters instead of striving to thoroughly confuse the audience until the very last frame.

Numbers tells the story of two gifted high school students who decide that they will commit the perfect murder. Bullock plays Cassie Mayweather, the brilliant homicide profiler assigned to the case. Mayweather is a woman with a mysterious past, and she constantly hides her past pain behind a rough exterior that has earned her the nickname "the hyena" (for reasons divulged in the movie). No one wants to work with her, so she is paired with a new homicide detective, Sam Kennedy, played by Ben Chaplin (*The Truth about Cats and Dogs*, *Lost Souls*), who plays by-the-book Sam with understated power. Cassie and Sam have an immediate connection, but their relationship takes a back seat to the strange, loving partnership between the two criminally brilliant boys, Richard and Justin (Ryan Gosling from *Remember the Titans*, and Michael Pitt of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*). The boys constantly hug each other and throw little looks back and forth that seriously hint at some heavy homoerotic tension. The film is stretched taught by these little punctuations of homosexual hints, but then it cops out on delivering any type of conclusion, so the tension fizzles.

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Sandra Bullock and Ryan Gosling star in the latest thriller, the very intriguing *Murder by Numbers*

These two teams, the cops and the criminals, pair off against each other in a showdown of wits. The film has a formula a bit like a "Colombo" mystery. The audience knows who did it from the beginning, and we watch as the wily detectives try to weasel the truth out of the perps with trick questions. The death scenes are graphic, including close-ups of severed fingers, burst blood vessels, and puncture wounds, so that one gets the feeling of watching a forensic special on television. The film would have been much more powerful if it had been directed with a grimy, documentary style instead of the sleek, shiny method that director Barbet Schroeder (*Single White Female*) employs.

Bullock continues to make smart choices with regards to her roles, and this one isn't a huge misstep; the character is definitely likeable, but sad and a little strange, so the deviation from her previous roles is subtle. Chaplin is wonderful as a partner/lover who begins to discover more about Cassie's past as the film progresses. The two young actors are wonderful in their roles, and there are a few nice surprises as far as supporting actors go, including Chris Penn (*Footloose*, *Reservoir Dogs*), who plays the criminals' patsy.

Overall, *Murder by Numbers* is an intriguing film that has enormous potential. The attention to criminal methods and criminal minds is well done, but somewhere along the line we concentrate more on Cassie's past than on far more interesting present.

The Sweetest Thing is far from syrupy

Priyanka Khanna '04 reviews this quirky and very funny film

It was the perfect setting for a girlie movie: a clean New York City theater (no more Sangertown, please!) with my two best girlfriends, the overcast Saturday afternoon complementing our hangovers. With a big tub of popcorn and the previous night's escapades still fresh in our minds, we sat down to watch *The Sweetest Thing*, the latest chick flick.

We settled down in the plush seats to a black screen with the question "Tell us about Christina Walters." Cut to four guys all talking about this beautiful, sexy girl who broke their hearts and practically left them impotent (I swear, I'm not kidding!).

Cut to an Earl Jean-clad butt dancing up the streets of San Francisco. Naturally, every guy on the street is left dumbfounded. Who is this person, you ask? None other than the infamous Christina Walters (Cameron Diaz). She lives with her two best friends Courtney (Christina Applegate) and Jane (Selma Blair) in a trendy part of Frisco. In their late 20s, they thrive mostly on Manolos, nightclubs, and hooking up.

When Jane is dumped by her boyfriend of several years, Courtney and Christina decide that the only way to cheer her up is a night on the town. It's at the club that Christina meets Peter (Thomas Jane) and tries to hook him up with Jane. When he refuses, she badmouths him the moment she thinks he's out of earshot. Unfortunately, he hears her and sparks fly. By the time they leave the club, they have made up, and Peter invites her to a wedding party. But going to the party, Christina feels, would be overstepping the "boundaries of dating." A commitment phobic, instead of Mr. Right she prefers looking for Mr. Right Now.

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Cameron Diaz, Selma Blair and Christina Applegate raise a toast to friendship in the latest chick flick, *The Sweetest Thing*

Big mistake, because Christina is obviously "be-jiggity" (in the movie's wacky lingo) about him. Naturally, this turmoil calls for a road trip to Somerset, where the wedding is taking place. The trip is a knowledgeable experience for the gals as they learn how to pee in urinals, that food goes bad and should be thrown away and the easiest way to get a guy to crash his bike.

Written by Nancy Pimental (*South Park*) and directed by Roger Kumble (*Cruel Intentions*), this film has the usual gags and innuendos made popular by films *There's Something about Mary* and *American Pie*. The difference lies in the fact that this film is from a woman's point of view. There are some hilarious scenes focusing on subjects like breast implants and ladies' room gossip. The end of the movie is to be expected, but is done differently and is not your run-of-the-mill ending.

Risqué and wacky, the film doesn't really dwell too much on the subject of love, something that I found rather refreshing. Rather than a feel-good, finding-Mr. Right sort of film, this one is about girls just having fun. And that is where its appeal lies. Weak in plot no doubt, *The Sweetest Thing* capitalizes on the camaraderie and spontaneity of its three actresses. The friendship between Courtney and Christina is lent much authenticity by private jokes and lingo that aren't explained to the audience. Blair is sidelined to a small, third wheel role. Diaz is great and completely over the top as the club-hopping, bed-hopping, femme fatale Christina. But it is Applegate who steals the show. Her flair for comedy was clearly seen in *Married with Children*, and she shines in this movie as well. For a change, the male roles are rather secondary, with Thomas Jane being just a pretty face.

The Sweetest Thing is a PG-rated version of HBO's "Sex and the City." Maybe it was because it reminded me of my favorite show or because I was with my girlfriends, but I loved the quirkiness of this film. A definite must-see with the girls, but for the sake of the movie, leave the boys at home!

Artsy Fartsy

"When its over, I don't want to end up simply having visited this world" -Mary Oliver

PHOTO BY PRIYANKA KHANNA '04 COMPILED BY PRIYANKA KHANNA '04

She is a senior from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She describes herself as fruity, free-spirited, and succulent. Her friends say that she reminds them of a Van Gogh painting. One of her most memorable experiences was climbing a windmill. She is a studio art major, and her senior project will be on display soon. This week's Artsy Fartsy is the very unique Heather Onderick '02

Name? Heather Onderick '02

Home? Tulsa, Oklahoma

Major? Studio Art with a concentration in multi media installation.

Why Hamilton? I wanted to be the next Pushkin, and there is a great Russian Studies department here! My dream was to write and illustrate fairytales.

Her influences? Professor Ella Gant–she taught me so much about art and its relation to the world. My study abroad experience in South Africa really was defining.

The best work I have done... was in South Africa. I took the oral histories of three generations of South African women and made a thre- sculpture series called "We the Living."

Favorite work? *Starry Night* by Van Gogh

Favorite movie? *Almost Famous* and *Harry Potter* for its special effects.

Favorite Book? *The Pickup* by Nadine Goradmer

Likes? Carrots, Home Depot (it really saved my life during Senior Project hell), and Lemonade.

Dislikes? Winter and apathy.

If I could be one person for the day... I would be my boss at the Runcible Spoon. She is totally off the rocker. She has so much charisma and life. The energy she puts into her food is inspiring. Her food for her is a work of art.

Nobody knows...That I am going to marry an elementary school teacher.

Thoughts on graduation...I am really excited to get out of here. This chapter of my life is closed, and I am ready to move on.

10 years down the line.... I want to open my own restaurant, one in Cape Town (for the Northern Hemisphere winter) and the other in Montreal (for the summer). Both these are internationally friendly cities. The décor would be simple with great lighting and vegetarian food just like the Runcible Spoon. It would also be a place for upcoming artists to showcase their work, and I would show my work too!

Words of Wisdom? Push very hard to get into art classes, especially now with the distribution requirements done away with. You need art to survive and to stimulate you. It's a vital experience.

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Hamilton College Choir and College Hill Singers to Perform Free Concert

Clinton, NY -The Hamilton College Choir and College Hill Singers will present a free concert of three cantatas by J. S. Bach on Tuesday, April 30, at 8:30 p.m. in Wellin Hall, Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. An orchestra will accompany the choir.

Under the direction of G. Roberts Kolb, the Choir and College Hill Singers will perform Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schid, BWV 79, Gottes Zeit ist der allerbeste Zeit, BWV 106, and Christen, ätzet diesen Tag, BWV 63. Several student soloists will be featured on the program, including Paul Belonick, Julia Berger, Darcy Crum, Charles Francis, Tess Giardina, Jeannette Gould, David Kolb, Richard Landrigan, Katrina Schell, Kerri Spindler-Ranta, David Steadman, and Brian Tilley.

Johann Sebastian Bach was a German organist and composer of the baroque era. He is considered to be one of the greatest and most productive geniuses in the history of Western music. Bach was born on March 21, 1685, in Eisenach, Thüringen, into a family that over seven generations produced at least 53 prominent musicians. During his life he wrote over 200 religious cantatas. Bach's sight began to fail in the last year of his life, and he died on July 28, 1750, after undergoing an unsuccessful eye operation.

G. Roberts Kolb is the Christian A. Johnson "Excellence in Teaching" Professor of Music and Director of Choral Music at Hamilton College. A graduate of Occidental College, his postgraduate education included study at the School of Theology at Claremont, California, a master's degree in choral conducting from the California State University at Fullerton, and a doctorate in choral music from the University of Illinois. He has been musical director of both the Syracuse Vocal Ensemble and the Cayuga Vocal Ensemble (Ithaca, NY) and is director of music at the Stone Presbyterian Church in Clinton. A member of the national research and publications committee of the American Choral Directors Association, he is a contributing author to Up Front! Becoming the Complete Choral Conductor.

This concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Hamilton College Performing Arts Box Office at 859-4331. The box office is open 1-4 p.m., weekdays.

The Legacy of Uncle Tom's Cabin

Problematic Classic To Be Examined in Panel Discussion

by Shannon Fitzsimons '05
A&E Writer

On Wednesday, May 1st, beginning at 4 p.m. the Red Pit will host a panel discussion entitled "The Legacy of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*." This interdisciplinary event will look at how Harriet Beecher Stowe's problematic and controversial novel was influenced by and continues to influence American culture.

The event is coordinated by Dana Luciano, assistant professor of English, and commemorates the 150th anniversary of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The panel grew out of the coursework of Luciano's senior seminar "The Culture of the American Renaissance" and, Luciano says, is an effort to "find a way of extending intellectual exchange beyond the classroom and into the community."

The panel will feature students from English 451: "The Culture of the American Renaissance" as well as three faculty members: Jocelyn Moody, the Jane Watson Irvin chair of women's studies, Mark Cryer, assistant professor of theater, and Scott Seay, visiting assistant professor of religious studies. Moody will discuss the links between Stowe's work and that of 19th-century African-American women writers. Cryer will look at the way *Uncle Tom's Cabin* has contributed to stereotypical images of African-Americans in American society. Seay will focus on connections between abolitionist movements and mid 19th century Christianity.

The panel is conducted in conjunction with an upcoming exhibit at Burke Library on Uncle Tom's Cabin in American literary history, put together by Luciano's seminar students with the help of Couper Librarian Randall Ericson. The exhibit will feature an original 1852 edition of the novel, several illustrated and foreign editions, as well as lithographs, posters, and playbills from theatrical adaptations of the book, drawing from Hamilton resources and those of cooperating institutions.

Luciano hopes that this panel will help "dispel the myth of literary study as a private activity" and provide new insight into the "enormous cultural influence of this book that everyone knows about but few read anymore."

This event is free and open to the public. Café Opus refreshments will also be served.

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All Night Long offers laughs, surrealism

by Alexandra Sear '05
A&E Writer

What happens when you take the normal life of an American nuclear family and turn it inside out? If you have a sense of humor, you get *All Night Long*, the Department of Theatre's newest production, directed by Carole Bellini-Sharp. The show opened last Thursday, and runs through this weekend in Minor Theatre. The press release calls this play "classical surrealism" and a "dream-like but real and heartwarming exploration of a family's life-shifting moods, plot lines, and perhaps even geographical locations with amazing speed and whimsey," and it promises to be that and so much more. Carter Cox '03, who plays the family's patriarch, describes his stage family as "the opposite of a typical American–family-most have problems on the inside that aren't apparent. When we are at each other and say we'd like to kill each other, look deeper, and we really love each other. It's inside out."

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The cast of *All Night Long* (from left to right) Aaron Wilton '03, Carter Cox '03, Johanna Liias '02, Sasha Kaye '05, Gillian Smith '04

When director Carole Bellini-Sharp was looking for a play for the spring semester, she wanted to find something completely different from last fall's "Circling Alcestis." She did, deciding on *All Night Long*, John O'Keefe's post-modernist snapshot of 18 hours in a family's life–a father (Carter Cox '03), mother (Johanna Liias '02), son (Aaron Wilton '03), daughter (Gillian Smith '04), and a 10-year-old not-quite-human neutron (Sasha Kaye '05). Bellini-Sharp says she picked *All Night Long* because it made her "laugh out loud," and because of its "warm and positive, yet very surreal," tone. She sees the show as celebrating the "freedom to imagine and to soar in life with no constraints." She's reluctant to explain the show any further, because she thinks that "education tends to over-explain things...it can explain life into death." She advocates just appreciating the life and spirit in the show for its own sake.

Bellini-Sharp admits that it's been a challenge to direct *All Night Long*, but that the show is even more of a challenge for her technicians. Though the cast has only five members, the support crew is four times that–there are eight assistant stage managers and two stage managers, and the sound and lighting are all professionally done. Bill Burd did the lighting design, and John Pollard designed the set. Bill Burd's stagecraft class has been building and working on the set since the beginning of the semester. The set itself has been the talk of the campus lately. It has two floors, multiple doors, stairways, carpeting, linoleum, and genuinely looks like something out of a 1950s sitcom home. Stagecraft student Sarah Entenmann said of their semester's work, "The set goes wall to wall, with a six foot extension off the stage–it's massive! And yet we paid attention to even the tiniest details."

The actors haven't had it easy either, and their director will tell you that the show is "an enormous acting challenge." They've been rehearsing three to four hours a night, five nights a week, for eight weeks to prepare for Thursday's opening night. Gillian Smith is happy with their "close cast" and says, "We've really become a family–we even fight. I've had a lot of fun with the show." She is also part of the stagecraft team and says she can appreciate the tremendous work that went into all areas of the show.

Though a solid group effort, Bellini-Sharp gives a lot of credit to head stage manager Lois Bryan, who "is the one who really makes this show work." This is Bryan's fifth show with the theater department, but the most responsibility she's had so far. She's thrilled to be working with Carole, who she says is "wonderful to work with. She really had an incredible vision for the show."

Such a vision is indispensible for a show like this, but the production was truly validated when John O'Keefe himself, the playwright, came to see the show and give feedback. Bryan says, "It was fascinating to learn what was really going on in his head when he wrote the play," but everyone involved with the show was even more thrilled when he had no criticisms of the production. "He was very, very impressed with the production and how we performed his show. It was wonderful," says Bellini-Sharp. Such praise is decidedly reason enough to spend a night (or two) seeing "All Night Long." It's playing Friday-Saturday April 26-27 at 8p.m. in Minor Theater. Admission is $5.00 adults/ $3 students and seniors.

Student Assembly, J-Board, Honor Court, and Appeals Board Platforms

Allison Domm
Dear Class of 2004,
For the past two years I have served our class and our community as a 2004 Judicial Board representative. I understand our Judicial system and have worked to make every Judicial Board hearing fair and unbiased. In being a JBoard representative I have learned that this is not an easy position and that it takes long hours and dedication to the Hamilton community in order to serve you properly. In sitting in on the vast number of cases in the past two years I am experienced and willing to make the 2002-2003 Board the best possible. Please re- elect me, Ally Domm, as your Judicial Board representative. Vote for a fair and unbiased hearing with an experienced member of this community. Thank you.

BJ Markle
My name is BJ Markle and I want your vote to be a 2004 Judicial Board representative. I believe that honesty and fairness have to be the cornerstones of anybody's campaign and I feel that my personality exemplifies these two traits that are necessary for this position. I understand what sort of commitment it will take to represent the class well on this board, but I delight in the possible rewards that would accompany these duties. Most importantly, it is imperative to me that every case be treated differently in certain respects, but always with equal importance and respect. So if you are looking for a representative to judge with consistency, fairness, and honesty, then vote for BJ Markle, 2004 Judicial Board Representative.

Eric Scott Kaplan
My name is Eric Scott Kaplan and I am running for theposition of Judicial Board Representative for theclass of 2004. I understand the degree ofresponsibility needed in order to serve this board,and moreover, our college, and am willing to dedicateboth the time and effort this position mandates. Theactions of individual students on this campus are representative of the entire student body, and consequently, of Hamilton College. Any actions by individuals that conflict with the goals of our college much be reprimanded and reformed. I wish to strike a balance between preserving the standards on which Hamilton was founded, and recognizing the rights and positions held by the accused. By listening to all sides of a case, regarding all subjects as equals, and working to promote the integrity of this college, I feel this balance can be maintained. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Regards,
ESK

Nilson Rosario
My name is Nilson Rosario and I am running for the position of Judicial Board Representative. The title of Judicial Board Representative is a significant one because I am not only representing myself in the decisions I make, but the campus as a whole. As a Judicial Board Representative, I assure you that I will examine each individual case on its merits. As a creative thinker, I can offer alternative and more consistent sanctions. In addition, I am a supporter of educational sanctions as well as punitive. I am an impartial, determined individual who is committed to serve justice. I am ready to demonstrate this, should I be elected. Thank you.

Class of '04 Honor Court Rep

Allison Manly
If you're reading this then you must be asking: "Why should I vote for Allie Manly for Class of 2004 Honor Court Representative?" Well, let metell you. I have served as the Sophomore Honor Court Representative for the past year, so I have experience. I consider myself to be an open-minded, reasonable person and these attributes will help me continue to make fair decisions. Finally, I think that the Honor Code is an extremely integral part of Hamilton, as it helps keep the hill the safe, close-knit community that it is and I would be honored to represent my class. Thank you for your time and please consider voting Allie Manly for Junior Honor Court Representative on May 1st.
Thanks so much.

Class of '05 Representative

Brian Farnkoff
Hi Everybody— Happy Friday. My name is Brian Farnkoff and I would like to once again announce my candidacy for Student Representative for the class of 2005. I have enjoyed my experience as a Freshman Representative and I hope to continue to serve your needs the best I can in the upcoming years. I have done my best to be an outspoken and active member of the assembly, whom sought always to be informed in Hamilton policies and educated in the background of past precedent-setting decisions and tendencies. I see my position, if reelected, as an outlet through which students can express their questions, concerns, or grievances with these policies. Some of my top priorities next year will be to sustain the outcry against intolerance on campus, keeping the student body and new members informed of significant decisions and occurrences, and welcoming the new freshman class into the assembly with ease. I look forward to a new year and enthusiastically encourage the reelection of my fellow representatives and endorse votes for Matt Amoroso, a motivated and genuinely concerned new candidate. Congratulations to Greer and Liz and I better see everybody out supporting the ball team this afternoon and tomorrow!

Sam Johnson
It is hard to imagine that almost one quarter of our collegiate lives has past, but it has been memorable. I have been a member of Student Assembly for the majority of this year and have worked hard as a freshman. I have learned how it works, and its two basic functions: fund various organizations, and tackle tough issues as they arise. Currently we need more social spaces, the campus card capabilities need to be extended, and I do not want North lot as the only parking space on campus. I am currently a member on two committees, have worked with several administrators, and hope to continue working with them. In my opinion, Student Assembly is one avenue to bring about change on this campus. The time we spend here on the hill can be extremely rewarding, but only if we work hard for it. Do your part, so get out and vote.

Tanya Namad
Hi! My name is Tanya Namad and I am running for the position of Class Representative (2005). Are you tired of searching for quarters to do laundry or fumbling in the cold for your dorm key? Wouldn't card-swipe options for laundry and dorms be easier.... Do you hear about social options like North Court and wish they still existed? Ever made the trek from North Lot and realized you were not happy with the parking situation? WebAdvisor leave you skeptical? Things like this that need improvement are issues to be brought to the attention of your class representative. As a former student assembly member at my high school, I have the experience that the job entails. As vice president of SADD and captain of my high school sports team I have the leadership qualities necessary as well. If you want someone who will listen to your concerns and address them to make a real difference, vote on Wednesday: Tanya Namad for Class Representative, class of '05!

Nii Ato Bentsi-Enchill
My name is Nii Ato Bentsi-Enchill, and I'd like to represent the class of 2005 because I have questions that need to be answered. Why isn't the health center open during the weekend when people are more likely to need medical attention? Why don't professors give writing tutors clear guidelines so that your essays don't get ripped apart after they assist you? These are just two of the many issues that I have noticed and would like to confront as your class representative. I have limited experience in student government, but have extensive experience working with others to coordinate large events (i.e. I get things done). I am a good listener, open-minded, levelheaded, practical, organized, and most importantly, proactive. I will take on any and all important issues that affect the rising class of 2005 should I be elected. Remember...If you want activity, vote for Nii!

Jason Haas
Not too long ago, you elected me to serve as your new voice on the Student Assembly. I offered my knowledge of student leadership and activism to help improve the relations between Hamilton College and the Town of Clinton, to unite our class under one powerful and respected voice, and to help establish a solid foundation that would facilitate future accomplishments. In return, you offered me your trust, your support and your vote. Between then and now, there have been crucial changes in what was once viewed as an irrevocable attitude in our community. The successes of the Gay-Straight Student Pride Rally and the Day of Silence, as well as other important discussions, not only signified the urgency of the matter at hand, but also demonstrated how the Class of 2005 responded to the outcry for acceptance and equity throughout the student body. In these few months, we have exhibited the influence and leadership that some classes do not realize until years into their career and we have each other to thank. You can rely on Jason Haas to continue to lead the Class of 2005 unto the possibilities that wait in our future.

Nakul Patel
My name is Nakul Patel and I am running for Class Rep for the Class of 2005. I realize it is difficult to assess the values of any particular candidate given the format of this election system; likewise, people tend not to take these elections seriously since it is hard to see any practical influence on your college life by these officers. Hopefully, my desire to get involved will come across. Thanks.

Chris McPherson
I am Chris McPherson and would truly appreciate your vote for Class Representative. Why should you vote for me? I am willing to work hard and be held accountable for my actions. I consider my best trait to be responsibility, my best skill listening, both of which are integral to the job. My ideas coupled with yours are a great basis for success. I will not bore you with my high school résumé, but ensure you that I have the experience and skills to stand on. I will be making an attempt to meet as many people as possible and I hope to convince you that I am the person for the job. Please keep my name, Chris McPherson, in mind when you cast your vote for Class Representative ('05) on May 1st.

Matthew Amoroso
My name is Matthew Wilson Amoroso and I am running to be your class representative. Confident, honest, trustworthy, and social, I have no reservations about speaking out on important issues on this campus, issues such as: diversity, campus safety, parking, more (and better) social options, the changing housing conditions, and greater opportunities for musicians on this campus. As representative, I will work with the student government to come up with realistic solutions to these problems not just discuss the fact that we have them. I am in touch with my fellow classmates. I'm with you in class, at the Posse Plus Retreat, Bundy parties, concerts, the dining halls, sporting events, and the Rainbow Alliance rally. I support our current representative Brian Farnkoff who is running for reelection. He has taken an active effort to make this campus a better place. Always open to suggestions, he has set an example that I would hope to follow as a fellow member of Student Assembly next year. Most importantly I will be there to protect what we, as a class, love about Hamilton. I'm not here to champion my own interests but the interests of our entire class and college.

Caroline Steers
My name is Caroline Steers and I am running for student representative for the class of 2005. This past year I served on student council as a representative and enjoyed the position very much. I have worked with the council on things such as parking for next year, increasing party space at Hamilton, and many other subjects. In addition, our class successfully sponsored a movie and dinner night of which went very well and will definitely occur again. Perhaps my biggest goal for next year will be to increase the influence of our class in Hamilton. I believe that by listening to your ideas and concerns, our class can unify more and have lots more fun. In addition, besides being president of the community service and spirit club in high school, and also being captain of my three varsity sports, I have participated on two varsity sports teams this year and have participated in a variety of community service projects, which have increased my abilities to work well with others. I hope that you, the class of 2005, will please consider me as your class representative next year. Thanks!

Ginny Smith
Hey Class of 2005,
I would like to be a representative to become more involved in the issues that affect our class, and the entire Hamilton community. I hope to use my enthusiasm and dedication to help make changes that students want to see. I am happy to listen to my peers and find out what you would like to see happen, as well as trying out some of my own ideas. One improvement that I personally would like to see is getting new and different machines in the fitness room. I would love the opportunity to help make our sophomore year fun and productive, so vote for Ginny Smith as one of your class representatives.

Paige Byron
Hello, for those of you who don't know me, my name is Paige Byron and I think I would make an excellent Class Representative. I have the qualities of a leader: integrity, character, and energy, not to mention organization and motivation, and I feel I have the ability to excel in this position. Our class is unique and while I don't pretend to know everyone, I think I make a point to get to know new people and people from all groups in our class. I feel like while it is impossible for one person to represent the class as a whole, I would be able to listen to everyone's ideas and bring them together into a good compromise. I think our class has great potential to do new and exciting things at Hamilton and I would be honored to be a part of leading us in doing so.

Class of '05 J-Board Rep

Nica Le Gendre
Throughout my days at Hamilton, I have heard how students fear the Judicial Board. Students claim that those appointed to the Judicial Board find anyway possible in a bad enough situation to ruin their Hamilton careers completely.

There is fear among students, especially first-years, this if through certain circumstances they must appear before the Judicial Board, the appointees will not be objective while evaluating their version of the situation.

If I am elected to the Judicial Board, representing the class of 2005, I will try to erase the fears students have about bringing a case before the Judicial Board by being objective and honest. I will be fair and understanding in my evaluation of the situation and any evidence provided for the situation. My decisions as a Judicial Board member will not be biased by class year because all Hamilton students deserve a fair chance to succeed with a Hamilton education.

Simone Williams
As a candidate for the Class of 2005 Judicial Board Representative, one of my primary goals is to ensure fair decisions. I will be committed to providing the Judicial Board with absolute honesty to help solve problems that faces our college community. I desire to see just reactions to the various concerns and challenges that may arise in the Hamilton College community. Coming from a racially and socioeconomically diverse background, I possess a keen ability to consistently and objectively render just decisions, which may deal with such actions as racism, sexism, favoritism, etc. In my life, I strive for honesty and equality amongst my peers, therefore, if you want a person who is open-minded, loyal, and trustworthy to represent you, vote Simone Williams for Class of 2005 representative to the Judicial Board.

Sean O'Connell
As a civil libertarian, I am committed to protecting your constitutional right to a fair trial. I believe that all too often, members of the Hamilton Community feel that either they themselves, or their friends, have not received fair trials from the Judicial Board. Even if we dismiss these sentiments, however, the student body's misconception of the judicial process here at Hamilton is dangerous and unacceptable. It is just as much your right as a student to FEEL that you would receive a fair trial as it is to actually RECIEVE one.

I would like to represent the Class of 2005 on the J-Board to ensure that every student receives a fair, objective and equal trial, as well as to improve relations between the student body and the Judicial Board. On May 1st, a vote for Sean O'Connell will serve as a reminder that your constitutional right to a fair trial DOES NOT cease because you are a student at Hamilton College.

Robby Wang
As the only freshmen representative of the J-Board this year, I will be the first to say that this system has many gray areas. If re-elected, I will promote change in the J-Board. How many students can honestly say that they are satisfied or have faith with in the J-Board?

While I support the idea of the system, I do not fully endorse certain J-Board procedures. I am not afraid to stand up for what I believe in and will not back down.

J-Board should not seem arbitrary as it sometimes does, but should be clear cut and objective. I cannot make any guarantees, but I can assure you a representative of honesty, understanding, and dedication that will give it his best to fight and represent you, to the best of my ability.

Appeals Board Rep

Steve Aubuchon
After serving a year on the appeals board already, I have the experience to do this job well. I will make sure students are treated fairly, and that the appeals process is done correctly. The Appeals Board is a very serious position and should not be taken lightly. I will fight to make sure the j-board is doing their job fairly and that students are treated with respect.

Joe Finley
Hello Hamilton College. I am a very hard worker and will pride myself on making sure that all of you are treated fairly. The Appeals Board is a very serious position and should not be taken lightly. Those who have appealed a case before know how important it is to have appeals board members who will make sure they are not receiving a punishment that they don't deserve.

A rejuvenated men's tennis team sweeps through weekend with two strong victories

by Jason Wellen '03
Sports Writer

Coming off a free weekend, the men's tennis team came into this week relaxed, rejuvenated, and ready tc play its final week of regular season matches.

That rest seemed to pay off, as the Conts swept through the week with two victories.

On a frigid day on the hill, the men defeated Lemoyne 4-3, led by captain Ryan Thorpe '02, who played in the final home match of his career.

Thorpe had to play his former high school teammate, but came out victorious, winning 6-4, 6-4.

"I was really nervous. He knows my game better than anyone does. Thank God I pulled it out," said Thorpe. "It ties things up for me nicely to beat him."

Despite the closeness of the score, the Conts were definitely the superior team.

But the Conts once again made it scary by playing down to their competition.

"No one match should have been that close," said Thorpe.

On Wednesday, the Conts came out determined to make a statement in their last regular season match of the year. They crushed rival Union, 7-0.

"It gives us a lot confidence. They are really just jerks in the league, despite the rivalry, everyone hates them," said Sean Fair '03, who won 3rd doubles 8-6 along with Brad Tilly '05.

The killer combination of Erick Volp '04 and Duncan Cameron '05 easily handled their opponents 8-2.

"I had a rough weekend, and coming into this week I was sore as hell," said Volp. "Duncan and I haven't lost a match at 2nd doubles all year, so I'm excited to play with him this weekend."

Hamilton gets the 11th seed in this weekend's much-anticipated NESCAC championship.

Thorpe faces the hardest task of anyone, facing off against number one seeded Amherst in both singles and doubles.

Despite the bad luck in the draw, Thorpe seems to be rather calm with how this weekend could turn out.

"We are optimistic, going in as the underdog. It's nice that they don't know anything about us, we can go in there excited about playing," said Thorpe. "We are playing really well, in doubles especially, so pretty much anything can happen."

These are inspiring words from the captain that leads the Conts on their way to Amherst. .

"I know that the number one for Amherst is nasty," continued Thorpe, "but he doesn't know me, and no one else up there knows what we are capable of."

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Hamilton ends an up and down regular season with a record of 6-9

More improvement for track and field

Hamilton Invitational a success for Conts

by Amanda Chase '03
Sports Writer

The men's and women's track and field teams hosted the Hamilton Invitational this past weekend. Eleven different schools were represented at the meet, along with a variety of weather conditions. The morning started out with rain, followed by winds, but ended with a nice sunny sky.

The men's 4x100 relay team continued to stand out, taking first in the event. The relay is composed of Will Lynch '05 leading off, to Olamide Harrison '05, to the veteran Elijah Huling '04, and then anchor Jeff Corey '04. Corey and Huling also each bettered their open 100-meter time taking third and sixth, respectively. Huling and Harrison also both raced the open 200, with Huling improving on his time in the previous meet and taking sixth.

The meet highlight for the women's team was the return of Maggie Hanson '02, who won the 5000 in a NCAA provisionally qualifying time. Annie Toth '02, who has also qualified provisionally in the 5000, took 3rd in the meet.

Co-Captain Kate Clark '02, Molly O'Sullivan '05, and Dana Kirchoff '05 led the women in the field events. Clark improved her marks in all her events, taking third in the javelin throw and 100m Hurdles. Clark also competed in the high jump and was a member of one of the 4x400 relay teams the women fielded. O'Sullivan also improved on her 400 and 100 hurdles, taking second and fourth in the events, respectively. O' Sullivan competed in the triple jump and the 4x400 meter relay. Kirchoff advanced her javelin and discus throws and had a solid hammer throw.

Ryan Palmitesso '03 and Bob Pucko '03 led the men in field events. Palmitesso took second in the high jump while Pucko took second in the shot put. Palmitesso, Ben Wetstone '05, and Eric Hawkins '04 all threw the javelin, with Palmitesso leading the trio. Hawkins and Pucko both competed in the discus throw, with Hawkins leading the pair.

Wetstone also progressed his pole vault mark at the Hamilton Invitational. Scott Huntington '05 was the sole hurdle competitor for the men in the 110 and 400 hurdles.

The women also had a strong showing in middle distance events. Mara Dropkin-Frank '05, Amanda Chase '03, Jen Cammarano '03, and Eleni Venturas '05 all placed in middle distance events.

Dropkin-Frank took third in the 400, followed by Chase in fourth. Cammarano had a solid run to fourth in the 1500 while Venturas took fifth in the 800.

Lariss Hopkins '04 and Emily Lemanczyk '05 ran in the open 400. Julianna Allport '05, Leoniuk, and Lemanczyk all followed Venturas in the 800. Chase, Venturas, Hopkins, and Ruth Leoniuk '05 combined for a second place finish in the 4x400 relay.

Cammarano and Lemanczyk ran with Clark and O'Sullivan for another 4x400 relay team.

Captains Doug Zeyak '02 and John Damaske '02, along with Fletcher Malcolm '03, Chris Dunn '05, and Matt Drescher '05 made up the 800 field for Hamilton men. Zeyak led the pack followed by Dunn and Drescher.

Damaske and Malcolm had both previously represented Hamilton in the 1500.

The women's sprints were marked by Onica Legendre '05 and Sara Thomas '05, who advanced their 200 and 100 times. Chase and Dropkin-Frank also bettered their 200 times. Hopkins, Clark, Dropkin-Frank, and Chase were the members of the women's 4x100 relay team.

The men and women's teams head to Maine this weekend to compete in the NESCAC Championship at Bates College.

Upcoming Athletic Events

Event	Date	Location
Men's Baseball: HOME vs. Wesleyan	Apr. 26	Royce Field
Women's Lacrosse: AWAY vs. Vassar	Apr. 26	Poughkeepsie, NY
Women's Softball: AWAY vs. St. Lawrence	Apr. 26	Canton, NY
Men's Tennis: Hamilton Vs NESCAC	Apr. 26-Apr. 27	Amherst, MA
Men's Golf: AWAY at NCAA Districts	Apr. 27-Apr. 28	Williamstown, MA
Women's Lacrosse: AWAY vs. Rensselaer	Apr. 27	Troy, NY
Men's Baseball: HOME vs. Wesleyan (2)	Apr. 27	Royce Field
Women's Track: AWAY at NESCAC	Apr. 27-Apr. 28	Waterville, ME
Men's Track: AWAY at NESCAC	Apr. 27-Apr. 28	Waterville, ME
Women's Crew: AWAY Vs Union	Apr. 27	Schenectady, NY
Men's Crew : AWAY Vs Union	Apr. 27	Schenectady, NY
Women's Softball: HOME vs Union	Apr. 30	Clinton, NY
Men's Baseball: Hamilton Vs Hartwick	Apr. 30	Oneonta, NY
Men's Baseball: Hamilton Vs Union	May. 1	Royce Field
Men's Lacrosse: Hamilton Vs Cazenovia	May. 1	Clinton, NY

Hamilton baseball still in a tailspin:
Continentals drop their eighth straight

by Chris Preston '03
I&I Editor

It's official: the Hamilton College baseball team is in a tailspin. That was already apparent after the 18-3 behind-the-woodshed beating the team received at the hands of lowly cross-town rival Utica on Tuesday, a team it had beaten earlier in the year. The Utica defeat was the Continentals' fifth in as many days, and their seventh in a row. During the seven-game plummet the Conts were outscored a mind-boggling 69-12. Their pitching, solid in the early stages of the season, had abandoned them, and their hitting was all but non-existent.

It appeared that all that was about to change Wednesday afternoon at Royce Field. Facing 17-9 St. Lawrence, the Continentals dominated for the majority of the game. Ace righty Jamie Harrison '02 had his best stuff, allowing no runs, scattering four hits, and striking out eleven in seven innings of brilliant work. Harrison was perhaps overshadowed by DH Semmie Taylor '03, however. Taylor reached base in all five trips, going 3-3 with two home runs and five RBI.

Adam Lewkowicz '02 and Jon Fehlman '03 also hit bombs, as the Continentals scored all seven of their runs on home runs. Victory seemed imminent for the Continentals, as they headed into the ninth holding a comfortable 7-1 cushion.

The inning even started perfectly, as Brent Lowinger '02 struck out the first batter. From there all hell broke loose. A couple singles, a costly two-out throwing error on freshman third baseman Brian Farnkoff, and two long Saint Lawrence home runs later and suddenly the Saints had the 8-7 lead. Much of the damage came with two outs, as the Saints scored five runs, all of which were unearned.

The Continentals managed a mini-comeback in the bottom of the inning, putting runners at first and second with one out, but the rally was eventually quelled by St. Lawrence closer Jesse Emilo to give the Saints the 8-7 come-from-behind victory. As bad as things had been during the first seven games of the losing skid, the St. Lawrence game basically culminated two weeks of frustration into one disastrous inning.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Defense hurt the Continentals in the ninth inning against St. Lawrence.

"It's so frustrating to finally put together a good game," said centerfielder Charles Spiliotis '03, "and then have a couple mental and physical errors ruin it at the end. We sorely needed a win, and getting it against a good team like St. Lawrence was just what we needed, but we just couldn't seal the deal."

"In baseball, when you reach the ninth inning things can seem to be going right if you're in a good position to win like we were, and then you see (the opposing team) chip away at the lead like that and it slowly takes away everything you did up until that point," added Taylor.

The Continentals showed a lot of fight against the Saints after being dominated in their previous seven games, yet came up just short. It will be interesting to see whether they are able to bounce back after such a debacle.

It certainly will not be easy, as the Conts' next opponent comes in the form of NESCAC West-leading Wesleyan University.

The first of the three Wesleyan games is today at 4:00 at Royce Field. More than ever, the Continentals could use your support.

Despite losses, Hamilton second baseman has love for his teammates, the game

BRETT ZALASKI '03
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Everyday I'm asked why I play baseball for Hamilton, or people who discover that I do give me a short, "Oh," and drop the subject. Standing on second base, watching the last out of a heartbreaking loss to St. Lawrence land in the left fielder's glove, I asked myself why I continue to put myself through these tough times.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Zalaski anxiously awaiting the pitch during Wednesday's loss.

My doubts were immediately erased when I looked back into the dugout and saw the 24 other guys on the team. I realized that, even with what had just happened, there was no place I would rather be than on that field. In baseball, the feeling of victory and defeat is a team-wide sensation. One person does not determine the outcome of a baseball game, the final tally rather rests on every single person in uniform.

When people ask me why I put myself through it, I get a blank look most of the time. For me, the answer is so obvious. There are a million things about baseball that I love. To me, there are few things in life that compare with taking ground balls at second or taking batting practice on the field.

Playing in games is an even more thrilling experience. The thrill of smacking a line drive that you know is a hit. The incredible feeling that you get making a difficult stop and throwing the runner out at first, or turning a smooth double play. The smile it gives me to see my friends up on the hill in centerfield talking trash to the opposing team while kicking back a few beers. The sense of joy it gives me to see my family and my best friends at what seems like all of my games. The awesome feeling when the last out of the game is recorded and your team is on top. Those feelings can be topped by a scant few things in life.

Yet it is the lows of baseball that will forever keep me loving the game. Making the error and hearing your teammates trying to pick you up. Missing a sacrifice bunt and having the guy behind you hit a home run to bail you out. It is within the lows of the game that make you really understand how special it is to be a part of a team.

My teammates chide me on how much I talk about my friend who plays for another, more successful NESCAC school, and suggest that I'd rather play for them.

But the answer to that question is a resounding "no." I would not trade my experiences with my teammates on and off the field for any amount of NESCAC championships. Each season I have played here I knew going into practice I was seeing 25 guys that I truly enjoyed playing ball with, no matter how well or poorly that ball was played. It is amazing to see how well 25 people who truly have an affection for each other, and the game, interact.

Branch Rickey, the former owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, said the most beautiful thing that he has ever seen is a perfectly executed hit-and-run, and I could not agree more. I see the beauty in all aspects of baseball, and I feel the camaraderie you develop with your teammates in all aspects of the game.

I feel truly blessed to be able to play this game at a high level of competition at this stage of my life. I feel lucky when I affix the Hamilton cap on my head everyday before a game or practice.

There are a million things going on in the sports world right now that I could have chosen to write about this week. The problem was that after the loss, baseball was the only thing I could think about.

It was in a moment of despair, a heart-wrenching defeat, that I truly understood why I loved playing the game. Sitting in a booth in the diner with two of my teammates, it was impossible for us not to talk about the game, no matter how difficult the outcome was.

For us there was still something thrilling about being on the field, and playing a game packed with intensity. It is those sensations, and that feeling of team that I will miss most when my days at Hamilton are done.

Sports

Silverio, Men's Lacrosse win ugly

Junior attackman leads Conts to tough wins

by Brent Lowinger '02
Sports Writer

There is an old adage that has been around for as long as competitive sports: "Good teams win bad games."

The Hamilton College Men's lacrosse team proved that they are, indeed, a good lacrosse team by beating Keuka College 10-9 on Tuesday afternoon.

"It was an ugly game all-around for us" said senior captain Canute Delmasse. We knew we were a better team going into the game, but after we went up 2-1 in the first quarter we stopped playing like it."

This marked the third time this year that the Continentals have played on grass, and they have struggled in all three contests. They lost their first two, and narrowly avoided a third against Keuka.

"We're like a different team on grass. When we play on turf, we use our quickness and speed to our advantage. The grass slows us down and gets us all discombobulated and out of sync," Brad Schwalm '02 commented. "Seriously; we're a different team on grass, and we were not ready to play after the crazy Skidmore game on Saturday. We managed to pull it out, though."

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Constant practices on the turf have made it difficult for the Continentals to adjust to the slower-playing grass.

This past Saturday Hamilton defeated league rival Skidmore College in a double overtime thriller on the turf.

The Continentals rode to victory on the coattails of attackman Matt Silverio '03.

He set a Hamilton College lacrosse record for points in a game with a gaudy ten points on eight goals and two assists.

The last goal was the game winner in the second overtime. Schwalm also chipped in with six points on three goals and three assists.

Silverio's efforts earned him UCAA player of the week honors. He leads the league in scoring (5.50 per game), goals (35) and assists (1.9 per game).

When asked about his performance, Silverio said, "I just did what I had to do for us to win the game. I really had no idea how many goals or points I had while the game was going on. It's not too often that I could score eight goals and have us need every single one of them to get the victory. The points record was a distant bonus to getting the win."

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Freshman James Henry (32) is third on the team in scoring, tallying 12 goals and eight assists.

The Continentals are coming to the end of a tremendous season in which they have proved that they do belong among the top twenty teams in Division III.

They win the games they are supposed to win, no matter how they have to do it.

Sporting a 7-3 overall record with just two games left on the schedule, the Conts are trying to run the table and crack the Top 20 for the first time in the modern era.

Triple Threat: Softball's Pogonowski does it all

Hamilton's other righty ace chats with the Spec

by Paul P. Jones '03
Sports Writer

This week's Spectator Athlete of the week goes to four year softball standout Karen Pogonowski '02.

In the past three years Karen has had a batting average between .400 and .550, and last year started every one of the team's games.

Karen has led the softball team this year with five victories on the mound and says she "probably has some career school records but it would be a lot of work to find out exactly which ones."

Name: Karen Pogonowski
Year: 2002
Major: Public Policy
Hometown/HS: Newport, NY/ West Canada Valley
Family: Older sister- Kim, Twin brother-Kade, younger sister and brother- Kathy and Kraig. My family named us so that all our initials are K.P.
Parents-Bob Pogonowski, Josie & Ric Coleman.
Individual and team record this year: 5-5 on the mound, 9-13 overall, near the top of the team in all offensive catagories
Athletic accolades: All-NESCAC, ALL-UCAA, All-academic NESCAC &UCAA, coaches award 1999, Team MVP-2001, 2002 Kiwanis Athlete along with Chris Weeden '02
Most memorable moment in your athletic career: Well, they're all pretty memorable, my teammates make it that way.
Nicknames: K, Pogo and Kare-Kare-McGraw
What do you see yourself doing in 10 years: some type of attorney, helping people and making the world a better place.
Thing that pisses you off the most about Hamilton College: That they are very insensitive to low-income students. You wouldn't believe all the hidden charges in your bill each semester!
Tray or no tray: I cook all my meals but lunch, and at lunch I get food from the pub and bring it back to my room.

Therefore I would say no tray, but not because I am trying to join a soroity or anything.

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"Pogo" leads from the mound and at the plate.

Favorite Sports Movie: *Remember the Titans*, absolutely loved everything about it, reminded me of my senior year in high school when my brother Kade, and his team, won states.
Favorite professor: Bob Simon
Are you a lover or a fighter: I hate this question; don't make me kick your ass.
If you had to pick one person to live with on an island, who would it be: Nikki Dafoe (not really but she wanted her name in the Spec!)
Do you ever just wish you could pitch the ball overhand: Definitely, I use to pitch in little league and Babe Ruth (baseball).

Adjusting to softball and pitching underhand was tough.

Karen, you have the esteemed honor of working for D. Murph in the equipment room. What is the best thing about that: Being around Mr. Murph and getting to meet the entire football team at the beginning of the year when they get their equipment.
Who wins in a fight, a dolphin or a bald eagle and why: The bald eagle. With the dolphin it's like shooting fish in a barrel.
Favorite campus safety officer:

The one with reddish, short hair and glasses.

I wish I knew his name. He checks in on us at the Farmhouse once in a while.
Best thing about living in the Farmhouse: The people I live with, being close to the Pub, location, having a lawn, pool, living room and porch.
All-time favorite song: "The last kiss", by J. Frank Wilson & the Cavaliers
If you could have a single button beside your bed that did one thing, what would you want it to do: Finish my thesis
If you could drink only 1 type of alcoholic drink for the rest of your life, what would you choose: Bud light
If you could have 1 free service in your dorm everyday what would it be: Food service. I'm a terrible cook on the five meal plan.